



James S. Rickards High School  
School Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2021  
6:00 PM – ZOOM

### **Welcome**

- Ms. Johnitta Wells, DAC chair, welcomed all parents, teachers and community leaders.

### **Minutes**

- The Minutes available for November and December at the January 2022 meeting.

### **Principal's Report**

#### **Curriculum**

- IB and AP Report- Dr. Williams provided a report on the IB program. Currently, Rickards has 6 National Merit scholars and a new IB music teacher. Dr. McNeil explained that AP testing will be held at TCC. Most AP students have enrolled to take the tests. Mr. Cook will provide transportation for the AP U.S. History test for student who need transportation. She mentioned that they are expecting an improvement in test scores this year.
- ELA- Mr. Fiallos explained teachers are working hard to help students be successful. Hosting training for teachers to make sure they align with the new BEST standards. Teachers continue to do progress monitoring assessments as often as possible, and the students are showing a lot of growth in the first part of the year.
- First Semester Exam Schedule- Dr. Barnes provided an update on the exam schedule. Explained that exemption letters were sent out. The letters make parents aware of their student's exemptions. Students are still welcomed to come to school. Parent recommended that information be provided to freshman parents about exemptions. Dr. Barnes agreed and said she would try to provide additional information to parents.
- Report Cards- Dr. Barnes mentioned that report cards come out on January 27.
- Class Ranking- Dr. Barnes explained that class ranking will be provided the first Wednesday in February.
- IB Open House- Dr. Barnes mentioned that the IB Open House will be held in January, The Open House is designed to provide an overview of the IB program and gives parents the opportunity to meet other IB student, parents and teachers.
- Courtyard- Mr. Cook explained that the Courtyard will be completely open after the winter break.
- Mask Mandate- Mr. Cook provided an update on the Governor's executive order and explained that majority of Rickards students still wear their masks to school.

## **Advisory Council Reports**

### **District Advisory Council (DAC) Report**

- Ms. Wells provided an updated from the December DAC meeting. She discussed Safe Routes to School and that Pineview and Fairview are in this year's plan. The DAC received an update on 2022 legislative session and discussed the legislation that the District plans to follow. The biggest education related legislation is the bill to eliminate FSA and replace with BEST standards and progress monitoring three times per year. The DAC received information regarding the new Office of Admissions. This new office will be the central location for all school admissions throughout the District and mainstream the enrollment process. Discussed and passed Policy 5780- Parents Bill of Rights.

### **Title I Advisory Council (TAC) Report**

- None

### **New Business/Announcements**

- None

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting has been tentatively set for January 18, 2022. May possibly held in person. Decision will be made in early January.

### **Adjourn**

Motioned for adjournment of the meeting -- motion seconded.