



James S. Rickards High School
School Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2022
6:00 pm – ZOOM

Welcome

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

Agenda

- Dr. McNeil made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Doug Cook. Agenda approved.

Minutes

- Dr. McNeil made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Satchell. Minutes approved.

Student Government Association (SGA) Update

- SGA President Errianna Quallo provided an updated from SGA. Students are in the middle of campaign season. Reported that Rickards students received a \$500 grant to be HOPE ambassadors and four students will be going to HOPE ambassadors' mental health summit.

Principal's Report

- **Testing-** Mr. Cook explained that attendance was great for testing. Rickards did several writing prep activities. Additional testing is scheduled for next week. Ms. Cooper mentioned testing holding schedule and asked parents to encourage their students to use the hold times for projects, test prep and to catch up on homework.
- **Title I 399/Award-** Ms. Satchell discussed adjustments due to salary increases, cuts in tutoring, Saturday school, and extra supplies. Explained that the administration hopes to use leftover funds to put back into tutoring and Saturday school. Beginning teacher salaries will be \$46,700.
- **Curriculum Fair-** Mr. Cook mentioned that the Curriculum Fair was great. There were a large number of parents in attendance. Parents learned how to submit course request forms and discussed the Pre-Law Program.
- **ESSA Summer Plan for Learning Loss-** Mr. Cook explained that ESSA funding will be used for tutoring and Saturday School in the Fall. Plan to continue 21st Century. Counselors will focus on academic plans and kids who have attendance issues. Funds will also be used for a reading program, ACT/SAT prep, and hosting IB weekly mini workshops. An orientation will be held for incoming 9th graders during the summer. Transportation will be provided for targeted students. Students can apply for the summer 21st Century Program, which will begin May 31.
- **Course Requests/Scheduling-** Mr. Cook mentioned that counselors will be working with parents and students.

- **IMAGE Awards-** Mr. Cook mentioned that Rickards celebrated about 20 student who received IMAGE awards for their significant improvements at school.
- **Graduation Update-** Mr. Cook explained that Convocation will be held in person for those receiving awards and virtually for all others. Prom is scheduled for May 14. Graduation is scheduled for May 28 at 10am at the Civic Center. More than 150 students have received honors and will be featured in the newspaper.

Advisory Council Reports

District Advisory Council (DAC) Report

- Mr. Anthony Thomas provided the DAC Report. DAC heard from the new Children's Services Council, which is a new initiative to find ways to provide services to kids in the community. Received a legislative update and passed several policies related to security that were statutorily mandated.

Title I Advisory Council (TAC) Report

- Ms. Marie Claire Leman provided the TAC Report. TAC is organizing a workshop for parents to discuss issues facing students regarding testing as it relates to mental wellness. FSU Social Work will host the event on April 27 at 6pm at Hartsfield Elementary. Ms. Leman also mentioned the Nenefest 5K and Fun Run on April 30 at Optimist Park.

New Business/Announcements

- No New Business/Announcements

Next Meeting

The next meeting has been tentatively set for May 17, 2022.

Adjourn

Motioned for adjournment of the meeting -- motion seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 6:48pm.