

Marathon Middle/High School Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2012

6:00 PM MMHS Media Center

SAC Members in Attendance: Principal Hammond Gracy, Assistant Principal Liz Logan, Athletic Director Teresa Konrath, Chairperson Luis Gonzalez, Vice Chairperson Karen McKeon, Secretary Anita Nelson, Karen Angle, Beth Ann Connell, Diane Culver, SGA Representative Alexander Morato, Mike Puto, and Suzanne Ryals. **Not in attendance:** Lisa Maeder, Delvis DelPozo, Spook Roussin, Wendy McPherson and Regina Ryan.

1.,2. Welcome:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Luis Gonzalez. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Karen McKeon made a motion to approve the minutes to the February 7, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Karen Angle and unanimously approved.

4. Dolphins of Distinction:

a. The Dolphins of Distinction awards will be tabled until the April meeting, at which time two awards each will go to certificated, and non-certificated (support) personnel.

5. SGA President's Report:

SGA President, Alexander Morato, and advisor, Suzanne Ryals, summarized SGA and class activities as follows:

- a. Freshmen are currently re-ordering class T-shirts.
- b. Sophomores had a successful Valentine's Day carnations sale.
- c. Juniors are fundraising for Prom, which will be at Sombrero Country Club on May 19th from 8-12 p.m. The theme is "Arabian Paradise." The class is having a garage sale on April 14th to raise money; donated items may be brought into the school office.
- d. Seniors are planning a car wash, TBA. Money raised will go toward Grad Bash and graduation expenses. Last year's "Homegoing" event will be repeated this year, with information to come.
- e. Upcoming dates to note include: The annual SGA luncheon is on May 24th; all present members and soon-to-be-elected members will attend. SGA and class officer elections for the 2012-13 school year will take place the first week of April; there was some discussion of trying to obtain actual voting booths for the elections, and Ms. Ryals will check into this. "King of Spring" will be on March 14th.
- f. The ordering of senior T's for next year's incoming seniors and the amount of class dues will be determined before school is out.
- g. A special program for this year's graduating seniors is being planned.

6. Principal's Report:

Mr. Gracy offered the following information and comments:

- a. Only twelve weeks of school remain; it is important for teachers and students to stay focused. The third quarter ends on March 30th.

- b. Next year's calendar has been approved, and was scheduled so as to avoid term "runovers/splits."
- c. Students taking Algebra I this year must pass the EOC (End of Course exam) to get credit for the course. Biology and Geometry EOCs are coming onboard soon.
- d. **A+/School Recognition Funds:** Teachers and staff met on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 and approved the distribution of A+ funds which are to be awarded to personnel according to the schedule approved at that meeting (please see attached). SAC Chairperson Gonzalez asked for approval of same, and polled SAC members in person and by phone. **The teachers'/staff recommendation was approved by the MMHS SAC by a vote of 16 for, one abstaining.** It is hoped funds will be received prior to Spring Break.

7.,8. Assistant Principal Updates:

Middle School Update: Ms. Logan commented on the following:

- a. Sixteen Middle School students performed in the well-attended and delightful play, "In the Middle," on March 3rd in the MMHS auditorium. The play was directed by Roxanne Skaggs. The high school is rehearsing for their play, which will take place on May 12th and 13th. Both productions help to highlight the arts at MMHS.
- b. There was some discussion of recruiting 5th graders from Switlik School to work with MMHS on future productions.

9. Athletic Report:

Ms. Konrath reported on the following:

- a. Spring sports - baseball, softball and tennis - are rapidly approaching Districts, and are scoring some impressive wins. A lot of games and matches are occurring on the weekends. The baseball team currently has a 6-3 record, and the softball team recently notched a win over Key West, 10-3. The softball team will be going to a tournament in Ft. Lauderdale over the weekend.
- b. A number of trips are planned for over Spring Break, including baseball and softball trips to tournaments in Orlando; and the tennis team plans a trip to the Sony Ericsson matches in Key Biscayne.
- c. A three-way spring football tournament @ Coral Shores is in the works. The football team will be part of a new conference with a bowl game at the end.
- d. Several fundraisers are coming up, including the Stone Crab Dinner hosted by Keys Fisheries and the Marathon Alumni Athletic Club's 50/50 \$10K drawing, to take place on March 25th. Some funds raised will go toward completing the last of four dugouts on the baseball field; and to pay for transportation, for which charter buses and vans are being used to save money.
- e. Kudos to MMHS for being recognized by the state for our sportsmanship.

10. Open Agenda Items:

- a. Mr. Gracy and Ms. Buhyoff congratulated the MMHS band, who did very well in recent competition, faring very well against some much larger schools. Erinn Buhyoff received a superior rating, and will be representing the school in state competition in Ft. Lauderdale.

- b. The Florida Keys Electric Co-op has pledged to sponsor 10 microscopes for the science department. 30 are needed altogether @ \$250 each for the Middle and High School.
- c. There was some discussion as to whether MMHS would return to 7 class periods next year; this will be a topic of discussion in a budget session Mr. Gracy will be attending tomorrow.
- d. Mr. Puto noted that next month's meeting is scheduled for April 3rd.

11. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of March, 2012, by
Anita J. Nelson, Secretary

(Note: Sports and testing schedules and the school calendar are posted on the school Web site and on the Florida Department of Education site.)