

# MARATHON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 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 Mckeeon, Middle School Liaison Michelle Franck, SGA Representative Yelixa Larios-Lopez, Delvis DelPozo, Marcie Ehrig, Beth Ann Connell and Mike Puto. **Not in attendance:** Diane Culver, Secretary Anita Nelson and Spook Roussin.

**1. Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Chairperson, Luis Gonzalez. Following the pledge of allegiance, Mr. Gonzalez introduced special guest, John Dick, School Board member.

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Upon a motion by Mike Puto, seconded by Michelle Franck, the minutes to the Oct. 2, 2012 SAC meeting were unanimously approved.

**3. SGA Report: Yelixa Larios-Lopez** Yelixa reported that the Homecoming Dance at the airport was a complete success. They have \$178.00 in their account. Mr. Gracy loaned them \$3800.00 and after paying Mr. Gracy back, they still made a profit of \$2,000. The SGA would like to thank Mr. Gracy, Publix, and The Marathon Booster Club for all their help in making the dance a success.

The SGA/Senior class will be hosting a circus, Nov. 16-17: \$15.00 for adults, \$7.00 for students. The money earned will go to the senior class. A private company will come in and run it and they will get 40% of the money.

Juniors will have a pumpkin pie eating contest during lunch hour on Thurs. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Seniors will bag groceries at Publix on Sat. Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Juniors will bag Sunday Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. Baggers need to dress to impress. Publix was considering stopping the bagging after one group showed up looking unprofessional and no supervision so Ms. Teresa and Mr. Gonzalez went and met with them and guaranteed our students would be professional, look nice and have plenty of supervision. We cannot afford to lose this great opportunity to make money. It is a huge fundraiser for our sports program.

Juniors won the spirit links at our homecoming pep rally and Seniors won best float.

#### **4. Principal's report:**

There will be a change in the early dismissal day on Feb. 14 to Feb. 15, 2013. Mr. Gracy will print new calendars to show the changes. He will also do an ed-connect. The reason for the change is so we have the same early release days as Switlik Elementary. It is too much of a hardship on parents with children in both schools to have different days.

There was a newsletter that went home with report cards. Wondered how many actually received that letter. If there are any concerns with your child's grades for the first 9 weeks, please contact him or our student counselors and they will get you the help you need.

There is also a technology resource called KHANACADEMY. You can learn almost anything for free in math, science, computers, etc. Mr. Khan started the website. It is available to anyone. You can search any subject. It offers explanations in 3 min. videos. Can stop and start anytime you want. SAT and ACT prep is also available. All math and science teachers have been given the link for their students. Mr. Gracy showed a nice video on the information. He would be glad to have a parent night to inform parents on this great website.

**5. Assistant Principal's report:** Ms. Logan talked about the School Improvement Plan. You can go to FLDOE.org, which is the State website, to view all of our school's information. Click on the Dept. info & services in the left column. Offices and Depts. for school improvement to view, then you can click to view our school scores, staff, coaches, and school dynamics. There are also our parent involvement goals, spring board, "start on time," and new goals required for 2014-15.

Talked a bit about our suspension goals. There is no longer any funding for in-school suspensions. Last year we had a paraprofessional to handle in-school suspensions but there is no money in the budget this year. Trying to minimize suspensions. Have Sat. school with Ms. Logan and other teachers. Significant consequence as an alternative. If they don't show up for Sat. school, they will be suspended.

**6. Athletic Update. Teresa Konrath:** Finishing up fall sports. Last football game is this Thurs., 7:00pm . Soccer vs ICS tomorrow at 4:00pm at the Community Park. Once football ends, soccer will be on our field. Cindy Bull is the new girls' soccer coach. Middle School soccer coach is Mrs. Mayan. James Murphy and Ryan Fortenbaugh are the varsity soccer coaches and Lezette Ramos will be the MS boys' soccer coach. Soccer should be done before Xmas. Boys travel to KW Wed. and then have their first home game on Thurs.

Swimming has finished. Will Wolfe went to regionals. Congratulations to him!

Having an Athletic Day fundraiser at the Stuffed Pig on Sunday, Dec. 2 from 12:00 to 5:00pm, sponsored by the Mid Keys Booster Club. All kids involved in sports will be required to sell tickets to this event. A big thank you to the Mid Keys Booster Club for all they do for our school.

Basketball is in full swing. Pre-season classic this weekend, Fri. from 4:00-5:30 and Sat. 11:00- 12:30. Please come out and support our girls.

Proud to announce Taylor Konrath won the Wendy's Heismann award for the state of FL. This is a first ever for Monroe County. Award is based on student's GPA, athletic accomplishments and the student has to submit an essay. She now has a chance to go to Nationals. Congratulations to Taylor.

**7. Open agenda:** Katrina talked about Take Stock in Children signing next Wed. Have more mentors than students this year. Some kids lost scholarships due to grades. Usually have 10-15 students each year. This year we have 10. Key West had 70 this year, compared to 50 last year.

Talked about the problem with the ACT test that was canceled Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. They shipped the test

to the wrong location. How do we make sure this doesn't happen again? Mr. Gracy will follow up with FKEC about this. They were the test center in charge of the testing.

Donna Hoffman had a soccer question. If practice is at 3:00 at the Community Park, can her son and other kids ride the school bus to practice at the park? Concern about the bus stop being on the other side of the street. Mrs. Konrath will look into it.

Mr. John Dick commented on the change in the school board tomorrow – at least one seat, anyway. Talked about the fund balance. 2011 second lowest. 5.6% in our fund balance. Average in state is 16%. We are far better off than we were 2 years ago so we're moving in the right direction. Need to build our fund balance up for emergencies. Wanted to remind everyone to make sure and vote tomorrow.

Luis wanted everyone to know that December is our holiday meeting. There will be food and refreshments for everyone. Tell all your friends to come to the meeting.

**8. Adjournment:** There being no further items to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Beth Ann Connell and seconded by Donna Hoffman. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted this this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, by  
Karen Mckeon, Vice Chairperson