

Marathon Middle / High School Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2019
6:00 PM MMHS Media Center

1. Welcome by Christina Rodriguez at 6:00 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Vanessa Martinez (SGA President).
3. Approval of prior month's minutes with Vanessa Martinez making a motion to approve and Steve Williams seconding the motion.
4. Vanessa Martinez gave an update on the leadership class initiatives. They adopted a family for Thanksgiving, have made posters for sports, organized a successful blood drive and organized a donation of computers to a high poverty school in Orlando.
5. Christina Rodriguez asked for clarification on the allocation of a college counselor at MHS. Principal Wendy McPherson stated that she receives a budget allocation sheet and then makes decisions based on the needs of the students. MHS is allocated one guidance counselor and one CAPS counselor. One guidance counselor works with 6th-9th graders and the CAPS counselor works with 10th-12th graders. Ms. Williams and the high school English teachers assist students with writing their essays for scholarship/college applications. There are seminars for sophomores and juniors to talk about college prep.
6. Mr. Martin gave a winter sports update. Cross-country finished a successful season with J. Pitchford 8th overall in the state. Varsity boys soccer team is undefeated so far. We are going to see an increase in official's fees next year. We are still having issues with a lack of busses for travel games. We are having to take two different charter busses and five vans. We are spending \$2,000 in travel costs. All Winter sports are \$5 a game.
7. Jill Williams, literacy coach talked about Celebrate Literacy week. She is in need of volunteers for the book fair and to help with bulletin boards around the campus. There will be a family literacy night, guest speakers, book giveaways, door-decorating contests and new initiatives are in the works for this year.
8. Assistant Principal Liz Logan talked about Naviance, a tool that 6th-12th grade students use that teaches citizenship and preps students for college.
9. Principal McPherson presented the school improvement plan and the SAC voting board voted unanimously to approve it.
8. Adjournment at 7:02 pm.

Next meeting will be January 8th at 6:00 pm in the Media center at MMHS.

Dates for the remaining SAC meetings this year: February 4th, March 3rd, April 7th and May 5th.