

Marathon Middle/High School Advisory Council

Meeting minutes

February 4, 2020

6:00 pm

1. Welcome by Christina Rodriguez at 6:00 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Raymond Paul.
3. Approval of prior month's meeting with Steve Williams making the motion to approve and Gayzel Collins seconding the motion.
4. **SGA President - Vanessa Martinez** gave an update on the leadership class initiatives. SGA continues to make spirit posters for sports. In the month of February, NHS will be making tissue paper hearts, Mu Alpha Theta will be creating Valentine math cards and SGA will be organizing a "Queen of Hearts event". A blood drive has been scheduled for early March.
5. Principal McPherson gave a sports update. Winter: MS Girls basketball won county championship, girls and boys Varsity Soccer and Girls varsity Basketball play district Tournaments this week, Boys varsity Basketball senior night is Feb. 7th, Girls weightlifting won first District Championship with many girls continuing onto Regional Championships. Spring: Baseball Homerun derby at 6pm and Field grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony at 7pm on Feb. 7th, Tennis, Track, Softball and Boys weightlifting open their seasons this month, and Rene Tur and Diosvaldo Rojas will be signing their college letters of intent to play baseball. Stone crab dinner tickets are still on sale- drawing on March, 18 members of the band and 3 members of the culinary class participated in the Super Bowl festivities.
6. Steve Williams led a College information session. He gave many suggestions on how students came begin to prepare for the college and the college application process. He discussed the following: the importance of taking the SAT & ACT tests, use the internet to research different colleges to find the right fit, visit as many schools as you can (5 college days given by school), start Florida Pre -pay as soon as possible and save all financial records, don't let lack of funds discourage you from going to college, start preparing your college course work in 8th grade, SAT/ACT scores matter (not just for getting into college but also for scholarships), create a "brag" sheet, know your school choice requirements for admission, interact with your colleges as much as you can (Point of Contact), some scholarships are based on certain tests (SAT vs ACT), look for the waiver box for application fees, colleges want to know what you do over the summer, essays for applications are important (look at former year's essays), teacher recommendations are important - know the requirements and don't wait for the last minute.
7. Adjournment at 7:12 pm

Next meeting will be March 3rd at 6:00 pm in the Media center at MMHS.

Dates for remaining SAC meeting this year: April 7th and May 5th.