**KWHS SAC Meeting Minutes**

**KWHS-Rising Strong! Conch Strong!**

**Tuesday, November 12, 2024-5:32pm**

**KWHS Media Center & Virtual Link: https://tinyurl.com/2pke6kb4**

1. **Call to order at 5:32 pm**

**Attendance:** Rebecca Palomino, Leslie Johnson, Hays Blinckmann, Judy Clarke, Yanelys Ballard, Dr. Veldheer, Dave Perkins, Lynda Woods

Online attendance: Kawana Staffney, Colette Barroso, Marie Ronine Paul, Rebecca, Elaine Barrett, Danielle Markey, Abby, Mayed Robertson, Walt Howarth, Marie, Krystal Waldner, Missy Martinez, Lori Mullins, Melissa Pico.

1. **Welcome- Leslie Johnson**
   * + Opening remarks-Leslie Johnson
2. **Approve Minutes of October Meeting-**Motion Hays Blinckmann Second Judy Clarke
3. **Old Business**
4. **New Business**

* **Staffing Update/Athletic Trainer Position** – No new applications received for athletic trainer position. There are three new staff, ELL academic coach, Holly Walker; this is a new position. Also, Ms. Jane Dia, developmental language class and Mr. Fritz for English language arts class.
* **Academic Performance Update** – Doing OK so far; there was 5% failure rate across all classes at the end of the 1st quarter but currently the rate is 14%. Staff is working to address this.
* **Free/Reduced Lunch** – everyone should be signed up but many students have not applied and they are incurring debt. There is already an $8,600 deficit. Outreach to parents of students who have debt is occurring so that they can be signed up but it will not be retroactive to existing debt.
* **Attendance Update** – Juniors and seniors are having lunch passes revoked if they miss more than 10% of school. This is prompting a lot of conversations with students about attendance, which is good. A student is considered chronically absent if they miss 10% of classes. Currently by class the chronic absentee rates are: Freshmen 13%, Sophomores 17%, Juniors 14% and Seniors 19%.
* **High School Clubs** - If a student wishes to start a club they should see Ms. Saunders and fill out a form. There must be a certain number of signatures by students willing to join in order to show that there is interest, and they must also get with a teacher on campus who will sponsor it. Once this is done the paperwork will be reviewed to see if there is a reason to form the club; if there is a similar one already staff may have the proposed club join with the existing.
* **Important Dates/Homecoming Recap** – Florida Civics literacy exam November 20th for seniors, 2nds semester it will be in April. The homecoming dance was good but it was attended mostly by underclassmen. There were very few upper classmen, maybe 150 students total. There was some feedback that it was not advertised enough. Principal Palomino will talk with student council.
* **Additional item**; Ms. Rein from the library indicated that there are a number of missing books and SAC needs to approve expenditure. It was agreed that the list of books will be posted with the meeting minutes to allow for comments. R. Palomino indicated that she would find out if these are new titles or replacement books.

1. **Question and Answer**

* Hurricane make up days – as of now the state hasn’t directed the school to make up dates. They usually don’t notify the school until 2nd semester.
* Senior Ring Orders – date for these is Thursday November 21st.
* Yearbook senior ads and baby pictures – the staff contact for this is: [Dina.Kinnune@keysschools.com](mailto:Dina.Kinnune@keysschools.com)

1. **Announcements**

**Next SAC meeting December 3, 2024**

1. **Adjournment- 6:20 pm**

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