

**Monroe County School District**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the School Advisory Council**  
**September 14, 2022**  
**6 PM**

**Location of Meeting:**

Coral Shores High School Media Center  
89901 Old Hwy  
Tavernier, Florida 33070

**Present at Meeting:** Laura Lietaert, Ana Alvaro, Teresa Lybarger, Jessica Serota, Sara Henderson, Lori Guth, Jacob Poelma, John Dick, Megan Shugarman, Veronica Gutierrez, Suzanne Woltanski, Whitney MacEarchern, Katie Vetter, Paula Whittke, Kim Jones, Joyce Lengkey, Courtney Leigh, Kara Johnson

The regular meeting of the School Advisory Council of Monroe County School District was called to order at 6:01 PM on September 14, 2022 at Coral Shores High School Media Center by Jessica Serota.

**I. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

**II. Review of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

**III. Consideration of Open Issues**

1. Nomination Of New 2022/2023 Officers

Laura Lietaert

Nominated Officers:

Chairman - Jessica Serota

Co-Chair - Kara Johnson

Secretary - Teresa Lybarger

Laura Lietaert motioned to approved

First by Kim Jones

Seconded by Jessica Serota

2. Reviewal Of The MCSD Strategic Plan Draft

Laura Lietaert

reviewed the draft in separate groups and then followed with all members and attendees participating in discussions

3. Vaping Is Still An Issue

Laura Lietaert

Vaping is still one of the biggest issues. Sensors were received after Christmas last year and installed in the restrooms to detect aggression, scent of vape being used, and can send notifications.

The Florida Keys Elks Lodge is sending a guest speaker on 12/6 to speak to the kids about the effects of vaping.

MCSD is looking to partner with the Monroe County Coalition in hopes of showing the detrimental affect of vaping.

Teachers are instructed to walk the halls during their free classes for prevention.

Presence works!

An anonymous Text Tip Hotline is in every bathroom in hopes that violators will be caught.

4. Teachers Salaries And Affordable Housing

A balancing needs to occur with teachers salaries in relation to affordable housing. Laura Lietaert mentioned getting with Monroe County to help look into affordable housing and posting those possibilities on the school bulletin board.

Paula Wittke raised the issue of inadvertently raising the teachers tax brackets with higher salaries while the cost of affordable housing is extremely high. Maybe offer a housing allowance in lieu of a higher salary to possibly offset?

5. F.A.S.T (Florida Assessment Of Student Thinking)

Jacob Poelma

September is a very heavy month for testing and Florida is the 1st state to institute progress monitoring testing known as FAST. These tests are administered several times a year, beginning, middle and end of year and are able to identify students' progress more accurately but it is still in the beta testing so the Upper Classmen will not have the advantage of seeing their full progress measured as accurately as all other classmen.

6. College And Career Counselor  
Laura Lietaert

A college and career counselor is set to start on 10/4 but for the time being, both of the guidance counselors are available during the lunch hours to speak to the students with any concerns they may have

#### **IV. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 6 PM on October 12, 2022 at:  
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The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM by Jessica Serota.

Minutes submitted by: Teresa Lybarger