

**Monroe County School District**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the School Advisory Council**

**November 9, 2022**

**6 PM**

**Location of Meeting:**

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

Present at Meeting: Laura Lietaert, Ana Alvaro, Teresa Lybarger, Lori Guth, Jacob Poelma, Megan Shugarman, Suzanne Woltanski, Paula Wittke, Kara Johnson, Whitney MacEachern, Marilyn Arias, CJ, Stefanie Rodriguez.

The regular meeting of the School Advisory Council of Monroe County School District was called to order at 6:00 pm on November 9, 2022 at Coral Shores High School Media Center by Kara Johnson.

**I. Review of Previous Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed, Laura made the motion to approve, and was seconded by Kara.

**II. New Business**

1. Laura addressed a new Drug and Alcohol Awareness program headed by first lady, Casey DeSantis, who chose CSHS to host the program from over 67 counties in the state of Florida. This program was held during a school assembly the morning of 11/9, and the Deputy Superintendent, Sheriff Bryan, a Probation Officer from Juvenile Justice, Bob Eadie along with 2 speakers were some of the individuals who were chosen to speak at this function. Sue Woltanski voiced her opinion of Bob's speech and mentioned his was the most effective, judging the reaction from the kids, but wished he would have addressed the possible issue of the children's parents' being users in the first place. Guidance Counselors were available in case anyone wanted to reach out in real time.
2. No school safety updates.
3. The mental health results from Panorama are pretty much in-line with the districts results. Looked for red flags on questionnaires and none were present.
4. Bullying & harassment, cyber bullying, Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up For all Students Act was addressed and discussed in detail. This school district is basing their policy on this Act, which can be found on the KeysSchools website, and needs to be reviewed once a year and can either remain the same or be stricter, but can never be more relaxed. This updated information is then reviewed and sent to Theresa Axford. A parent had elaborately addressed their concern with their child's ordeals with bullying and their numerous attempts for a resolution. The meeting attendants then reiterated the avenues that had been spoken about earlier with regards to bullying.

5. Testing: the focus is to help the seniors with what they need to graduate. FSA Algebra is no longer. The BEST test is replacing this. Still waiting for results for the SAT's. September FSA's were supposed to get in Oct, but due to Jan, were delayed, so results should be available by the end of November. 176 took the algebra test.
6. Those who earn 3's on Advanced Placement tests are considered Distinguished Scholars.
7. Florida Civics Literacy Exam (FCLE) is required for 11<sup>th</sup> graders as part of the graduation requirement.
8. CSHS has been chosen to pilot the BEST Writing Field Test.
9. There is a new District Testing Coordinator.
10. No new COVID updates, just stomach bugs.
11. Two big topics, vaping and vandalism. A school assembly for addiction is set for 12/6, an online vaping course is available and repeat offenders work directly with counselors. Bathroom closures are still an issue for the boys' bathroom due to the extreme graffiti. The janitors successfully cleaned the bathroom of graffiti and now the tiles are starting to be ripped out.
12. Stefanie Rodriguez, the New Guidance and Career Counselor, gave a report that she has currently spoken to 40% of the seniors, and is working on a site that is easy to use for seniors to maneuver and get information easy.

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

The next meeting will be held at 6 PM on December 14, 2022 at Coral Shores High School Media Center, 89901 Old Hwy, Tavernier, Florida, 33070.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM by Jessica Serota and seconded by Paula Wittke.

Minutes submitted by Teresa Lybarger