

**Niceville High School
School Advisory Council
Regular Scheduled Meeting
August 17, 2010**

Attendance:

Cindy Belcher	Jim Evans	Jodi Maker	Janet Simpson-guest
Amanda Brady	Cheryl Hampton	Lisa McMahan	Sandy Sims
Wanda Brunson	Thomas Hampton	Grant Meyer	Linda Smith
Susan Bubel	Rick Hernandez	Venita Morell	Paul Snyders-guest
Becca Childress	Howard Hill	Jennifer Russell	Melissa Thrush-guest
Michelle Cook	Emily Hsiang	Joe Saber-guest	Tess Vaccaro-guest
Jo Culberson	Heather Kilbey	Leslie Sheekley	Kelly Witmyer-guest
Jocelyn Donahoo	Luis Leon-guest	Angleat Shelikoff	Vince Wyatt

Call to Order:

- Heather Kilbey, Chairman, called the regular meeting of NHS SAC to order at 6:35 AM in the NHS Auditorium.

Old Business:

- Chairman Kilbey reviewed Old Minutes from the May 18, 2010 meeting and called for a motion to approve. Minutes were amended to reflect the SAC financial budget had a carryover balance of \$5,062.00 from last year. Minutes were also amended to reflect that Mr. Hill spoke on Amendment 8 rather than Amendment 4. Lisa McMahan moved the motion be accepted, seconded by Michelle Cook and passed unanimously.

Financial report:

- Michelle Cook stated the SAC financial budget in the month of August is showing a balance of \$10,001.00, which includes \$5,062.00 carryover from last year and \$4,939.00 of new money. Dr. Smith made a proposal that any remaining money be put into regular substitute funding to help clear that deficit. Chairman Kilbey called for a motion to approve. Cindy Belcher moved the motion be accepted, seconded by Leslie Sheekley and passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Dr. Lynne Keefe addressed SAC about the benefits, according to her research, associated with later School Start Times. Her research was developed by polling medical research as well as academics and parental input. The study provided data supporting later school start times. Early school start times among adolescents showed signs of sleep deprivation, which affects body function and physical health as well as less motivated students with a higher rate of drop outs. Okaloosa County Schools have the earliest start times in the nation upper grade levels. Dr. Keefe proposed putting High School's on the last bus tier and dividing the remaining schools on the other two tiers. She said Santa Rosa County School District changed their high school start times to later in the morning and by doing this increased their graduation rate and decreased delinquency. Rick Hernandez said that Okaloosa County still leads in FCAT scores and students in his first period class have no problems with participation and concentration. He also said the early start time we have allows faculty and staff to attend afternoon appointments.
- Chairman Kilbey called for a motion to approve the SAC meeting calendar for the 2010-2011 school year. Vince Wyatt moved the motion be accepted, seconded by Jim Evans and passed unanimously.

Principal report:

- Dr. Smith said we are working hard to meet class size compliance. She said the highest non-compliance areas are in the higher level classes. As of now we have 13 sections out of compliance and are still trying to levelize classes.
- She briefed the SAC on the benefits of the ½ cent sales tax. The proposed tax would be distributed with .75 cent of each dollar going to capital outlay and the other .25 cent going to technology. This money would help upgrade restrooms and other projects at NHS as well as technology.
- Dr. Smith said Eagles Nest was another great success this year. Lynn Prevatte and Company received a lot of positive comments and praise.
- Dr. Smith mentioned the void that was felt at NHS when Hannah Harris a NHS student lost her life in a car accident.
- Big Kahuna's is sponsoring Taylor Haugen Day to be held on Sunday, August 29, 2010. The Taylor Haugen Foundation will have tickets to sell and all of those proceeds will go to the foundation. Taylor Haugen was an NHS student that lost his life as a result of injuries sustained in a football game.
- Dr. Smith reviewed accountability data with the SAC. She explained that a school grade consists of a number of factors including FCAT scores. It also is figured on lowest quartile student gains in reading and math. We did meet the criteria to be an "A" school, but due to the expanded high school criteria we will not know our status until November.

Announcements and Discussion:

- Mr. Hill asked about the number of preps teachers have. Dr. Smith said we have some teachers who have numerous preps in order to offer all the classes we need for our students.
- Dr. Smith commended Keith Stafford on a 100% pass rate on AICE Latin exams and Steve Horton on a 95% pass rate on AP Calculus exams. This year the AICE testing will be after school is out. AP testing will be the week prior to graduation.
- Mr. Hill commented on the presentation made by Dr. Keefe regarding early school start times. Dr. Keefe said once Santa Rosa County changed their school start times their graduation rate went from 84% to 85%. Mr. Hill said our graduation rate was already at 90% and has been consistent. He also mentioned that 81% of our schools received A's and 75% of Santa Rosa County schools received A's.

Chairman Kilbey called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lisa McMahan moved the motion be accepted, seconded by Jim Evans, unanimously accepted. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 A.M.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2010 at 6:30 A.M. in the main conference room.

Wanda Brunson, Recorder

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