SAC Minutes for April 21, 2016

* Call to order at 4:30 PM.
* Attending: Isabelle Pitcher, Clay Carmichael, Nancy Little, Roger Williams, Denise Sadowski, Wanda English, Marci Poston, Alexandra Phillips, Lori Canoura, Mikie Stroh, Diana Churchill, Kate Neff, Cynthia Morrison
* Reminder that the May meeting has been moved to May 12th
* Calendar updates from Dr. Carmichael
  + Vystar parent night, powderpuff football, band concert all tonight 4/21
  + Safe Prom assembly Wednesday for juniors and seniors 4/27
  + AVID banquet Wednesday 4/27
  + Character Counts banquet Thursday 4/28
  + Prom Friday 4/29
  + Senior Clearance 5/16
  + Senior Awards Ceremony 5/16
  + IB Banquet 5/17
* Statistical Report
* IB diploma graduates: 63/284
* IB certificate graduates: 46/284
* AVID graduates: 42/284
* Academy graduates: 110/284
* Highest minority graduation rate in county (possibly state)
* Next meeting: update on staffing for next year
* Time of year for reflection
  + Mrs. Stroh (AVID coordinator for the county, as well as secondary social studies) introduction
  + Four points to concentrate on next year:
    - Continuing high-yield strategies (AVID/Marzano) connected to the standards and following curriculum maps
    - Attention to grading rationale (we currently have a teacher committee working on this; we’ll create guidelines)
    - Staying in contact with parents
    - Giving students voice (empowering them)
* Adrienne Paone and Stephanie Toffaletti presentation of AVID/IB field trip to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure
  + $14,000 total cost
  + SAC funds allowed them to comp 3 students
  + 125 students went
  + Great fun! (especially first tour)
  + Thinking about next year’s modifications
  + Just for 10th grade AVID and IB next year
  + Students presented their project ideas to their classes
* Parent/Teacher/Student survey results
* Time to peruse the results
* Overall, everyone seems happy; few “no” and “never” responses
* Any top issues? Communication with parents.
* Another concern: low number of students taking the survey
* Suggestion: Have student groups (student council, link crew, etc.) revamp the survey next year
* Another concern: How can we get more authentic feedback?
* Suggestion: Assessment within academy advisory boards
* SAC survey has been sent out to members
* Superintendent search survey is available online
* Miscellaneous
* Several members expressed interest in providing printed report cards
* What have we done to give back to the students?
  + Motivational speaker, but students need to understand WHY they had this opportunity
* How are we working to maintain high standards we have achieved?
  + Tracking graduation rates for minority/at-risk students
  + Mentoring (perhaps we can recruit more mentors, especially for males; possibly couple it with the academies)
* How does the current freshman class look?
  + Very involved in IB, AVID, and academies
  + Total student body: 750/1200 in AVID, IB, and academies; many other involved in athletics, dance, etc.
* Public library update
  + Tuesdays at 6PM = teen programs
  + Planning “How to Adults” series this summer in addition to regular workshops
  + Calendar of events will be sent separately
* Testing schedule
  + Kate will send out AND post
  + Subject to change
* Adjourned at 5:40 PM
* Next Meeting: May 12, 2016 (final one of the school year)

*--submitted by Cynthia Morrison*