

**School of Liberal Studies at  
Savannah High School  
School Council**

MINUTES

August 11, 2016

PRESENT: Ms. Marquita Chambers, Dr. Skip Morina, Ms. Dreidre Jackson, Mrs. Tammy Broadnax

ABSENT: Ms. Elaine Grant

Ms. Chambers called the meeting to order at 3:32. The first priority the council discussed was making connections with businesses in the community. Dr. Morina mentioned a newsletter that the Leadership Team had discussed earlier in the school year. Mrs. Broadnax suggested that this be given to the new Student Council as a project. It was agreed that the newsletter would initially come out on a quarterly basis.

It was also suggested that SOLS host meetings in the community. It was agreed that once each semester would be a good start. The first community meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18, at 6:00pm in the auditorium of SOLS. The purpose is for community members to meet and greet Mrs. Broadnax. Light refreshments will be served. Ms. Chambers will work on securing the refreshments.

The council also discussed student attendance and tardiness. It was suggested that the School Council discuss the issue with the PBIS coordinator, and invite her to the next School Council meeting to discuss incentives. It was also suggested that the PTSA and the Student Council President be invited to the next School Council meeting for their input.

Continuing the discussion about student attendance and tardiness, the suggestion was made that a competition be instituted based on the best weekly or monthly on-time attendance in IF (Instructional Focus). Ms. Chambers will solicit coupons, discounts, etc. during the summer.

The council also discussed incentives for staff members. It was suggested that an 'Extra Mile Award' be created to recognize staff members for various things.

The council discussed getting more businesses involved in SOLS. Ms. Chambers will contact the Chamber of Commerce to find out the meeting times of local civic organizations. She will then inquire of the various organizations about the possibility of getting on their agendas to talk about SOLS. Ms. Jackson pointed out that there is a fairly new pathway in the CTAE program entitled Sports and Entertainment Marketing. This pathway is part of the Hospitality and Tourism 'umbrella'. This would seem to tie in well with the Chamber of Commerce members.

The council was asked to brainstorm ideas for the first newsletter and send items to Dr. Morina.

The council agreed to have regularly scheduled meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 3:30.

The council adjourned at 4:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Skip Morina, Ph.D.*

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Secretary

## **School of Liberal Studies @ Savannah High School (SHS) School Council Meeting**

**Mrs. Marquita Chambers presided**

**Thursday, December 15, 2016**

**Time: 3:22pm**

Persons in attendance: Marquita Chambers, Tammy Broadnax, Salathia A. White, Nikki Simpson and Michael Cohen.

### **UPDATE ON SCHOOL PROGRESS**

#### **CCRPI:**

Mrs. Broadnax reported that SHS is one of three high schools that met their annual target for progress.

- The CCRPI dropped .6 points. However, SHS is making gains in some areas and dropping in other areas.
- SHS 2015-16 graduation rate, at 70%, was the highest in the last ten years. A basic reading program will be implemented to assist students.
- Teacher to measure growth of specific students.

#### **SCHOOL CLIMATE:**

- Ms. White stated a tremendous growth of morale and in the cleanliness of the building.
- Mrs. Broadnax stated parents are cooperating more with student incidents. And, parents are taking the surveys. The PTSA is fully operational with 86 members. Ms. Simpson stated that even though she is a parent she is representing SHS Alumni Association. Ms. Chambers stated the newsletter is to be distributed to local businesses, alumni association electronically. She informed that Ms. Olivia Ray has death in her family and that Ms. Ray has been hospitalized.

Mrs. Broadnax stated student council is to have a representative on the School Council.

#### **STATE SUPERVISION**

Mrs. Broadnax stated the new federal law may change how schools are evaluated. It is now "Every Child Succeed"

#### **INTERNAL AUDIT**

Mrs. Broadnax stated the internal audit will review lesson plans, student attendance and grades, SHS passing rate verses the state passing rate, and conduct observations.

She stated the protocols for the SAT waiver are to qualify for free lunch and then contact the guidance counselor. Stated Coach Anthony Welch teaches the SAT prep course.

#### **CAREER ACADEMY**

Mrs. Broadnax reported that teachers were employed and have the classrooms. However, construction were to have begun in October; but has not stated as of yet. She stated the teachers do not have labs and the barber does not have barber chairs.

**ATHLETICS**

Mrs. Broadnax stated the football team went to the state play off as well as the volleyball team. The football team had not been to the play-offs since 1993.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Broadnax stated the board had increased by two parents. The School council bylaws will be amended to include the alumni participation and the process of how the alumni will be chosen.

**MEETING DATE**

The second Thursday of the month, January 12, 2017 at 3:00pm.

**NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**

- ✓ Minutes from Student Council member
- ✓ New leader
- ✓ Fundraising

Mrs. Broadnax stated the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) award grade level ceremony will be held Monday, December 19, 2016 beginning at 8:00am.

Mrs. Chambers stated she would like for the Character Word of the week be implemented.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 3:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Salathia A. White  
Recorder

# **School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High School**

## **School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Monday, March 9, 2017

**Time:** 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Tammy Broadnax (Principal), Ms. Marquita Chambers, Dr. Skip Morina, Ms. Dreidre Jackson, Ms. Salathia White, Maria Nessen, Marvin Johnson

### **Discussion:**

- I. Turnaround process explained to the members
- II. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Data
  - A. A handout was given of pass and failure rates by each grade level.
  - B. What kind of incentives should we give students that have passed during 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter?
- III. Awards Ceremony (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) \* Provide cake and punch at the ceremony. Ms. Koulouris will create Awards Ceremony certificates. Dr. Nessen will create Parent Invitations; Tentative Date: April 20<sup>th</sup>
  - A. Field day (needed for 9<sup>th</sup> graders to expel energy). \*A flexible schedule will be looked at for this day. Coach Beecher and Ms. T. Thomas will serve on the committee to plan activities for the field day. Tentative date: April 21<sup>st</sup>
- IV. RTI/Tier 2
  - A. Dr. Nessen explained the interventions for overage students that have academic problems. Home visits were made to check on these students and to provide suggestions for other alternative learning programs if needed.
  - B. Mr. Johnson explained interventions for students with behavior problems in Tier 2, the B.E.E.S (Blue Jacket Energized Every Day Support System) program.
  - C. B.E.E.S. keeps students on track by regular student check-ins, teacher and parent feedback, and a reward system.

# **School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High School School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Monday, April 13, 2017

**Time:** 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Tammy Broadnax (Principal), Ms. Marquita Chambers, Dr. Skip Morina, Ms. Dreidre Jackson, Ms. Salathia White, Maria Nessen, Marvin Johnson

## **Discussion:**

### I. Instructional Focus

- A. IF will change at the end of the nine weeks.
- B. A list of 20-30 grade 9<sup>th</sup> graders have been identified as low readers. Koulouris and Jacobs will work with these student to see if students are enrolled in GMAS class

### II. Purpose of Instructional Focus for the next nine weeks is to prepare students for GMAS (April 24 – May 3)

- A. Think about different strategies that can be used to prep students for the
- B. Send home information to parents to encourage that students arrive to school on time.
- C. Discussed tailoring IF to meet the need of students.

III. How will teachers rotate students for the needed areas? How do we support the teachers with the extra duty required. Ms. Chambers volunteered to get gift cards for drawing.

IV. Mrs. Broadnax provided an update on hiring and discussed the pay incentives being offered to the teachers by the board.