

Somerset Academy Charter School
School Advisory Council Meeting
October 27, 2008

Meeting Notes:

1. Welcome
 - Call to order
2. Introduction/welcome
 - Principal-Bernardo Montero
 - Assistant Principal –Donyale McGhee
 - Teachers in attendance- Coretta Bovastro, Matthew Munro
 - Former SAC members-Liliana Mogilevsky, Minerva Carlo
 - SAC Parents in attendance –Pauline Kelly, Irma Cardona Perez, Mayra Carrodegua
 - Students-Michael Morales, Sebastian Gomes, Tony Morales, Mia Carlo and Desiree Scott
3. Ratified the Somerset By-Laws
 - Page 2: Change from Head Master to Principal
 - Page 2: Change 1 year term for teachers to 2 year term for school employees AND 1 year term for parents to 1 year term for parents, ESOL parent, ESE parent, educational support employees (non-instructional), community/business representative, students, and community school representatives
 - Page 2: Article IV Officers section 2: Change October 27 to just October
 - By-laws ratified 11/27/08
4. Proposal made that Chair and Vice-Chair to meet with administration two weeks after SAC meeting to prepare agenda for next SAC meeting
 - All SAC members to sign the SIP
 - Meeting in May is very important because due date is in August per the district.
 - Clarified Somerset Inc. is the Somerset Academy Charter School Chapel Trail including elementary, middle, and the high school
 - Motion to approve by-laws by Denise Scott, second by Matt Munro.
 - Ms. McGhee will send template of by-laws to Minerva Carlo who will ratify/correct by-laws and send back to administration (Ms. McGhee/Mr. Montero) for editing
5. Discussion on School Improvement Plan activity
 - Improvements from last year carried over
6. Discussed SAC funding reduced from last year of \$10 per student to \$5 per student
7. Discussed improvements that have been implemented ie: 5th grade preparing for middle school, Cognitive tutor, book availability, more electives, after school activities, homework, SIP FCAT writing results and did we meet our goals set by SIP.
 - Discussed Math in middle and high scores both went up
 - Weakness in high school English/writing-one of our goals this year
 - High school math made drastic gains
 - Discussed FCAT results for 9th and 10th grade; 11th and 12th grade are not included, however, they look at the SAT and ACT to be calculated in that figure,

which will be implemented next year looking back at this year. We could run the numbers and see where we are at for 11th and 12 (SAT and ACT scores).

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8. Discussed AP classes; points for grade rates and AP scores, all included in FCAT.
 - Greater AP enrollment this year.
 - 99% passed Spanish AP's
 - Science was low
 - Social studies comparable to other schools
 - Language Arts-fair-we want higher 60-70% students passing
9. Discussion on what do we need to do raise more awareness for the high school
 - Make high school students more prepared for the next step
 - Discussed preparing students for AP classes at the middle school level
 - Needing stronger curriculum
 - Discussion on choosing AP classes by the students; however they might not be prepared for the next level of an AP class from a regular class-preparing them for college courses
 - Discussion on preparing the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders for pre-AP classes
 - Administration cannot deny the right to take AP classes
10. Discussion on math night and how successful for the parents
 - Tutoring went up in math after math night
11. Discussed having a curriculum fair for parents/students
 - Chess club
 - Math club
 - Technology club
 - Put a pamphlet together
 - Note on website
12. Discussion how important/imperative for teachers to update school notes
13. Voting on committee members
 - Ms. McGhee nominated Sebastian Gomez as student representative, Matthew Munro second the nomination (prior student at Everglades High School, transferred to Somerset)
 - Ms. McGhee nominated Mia Carlo as student representative, Denise Scott second the nomination
 - Minerva Carlo nominated Michael Morales for student representative, Ms. McGhee second the nomination
 - Liliana Mogilevsky nominated Tony Morales for student representative, Matt Munro second the nomination
 - Joseph Mireles, SAC chair
 - Minerva Carlo nominated Denise Scott as SAC secretary, Matt Munro second the nomination

- Ms. McGhee nominated Minerva Carlo as Vice Chair, Matt Munro second the nomination
- Minerva Carlo nominated Desiree Scott as student representative, Liliana Mogilevsky second the nomination

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14. Voted for the distribution of School Recognition Funds (middle and high school only). Minerva Carlos motioned, Liliana second the motion, all members agreed—motion passed
 - Staff members that have been released will receive funds
15. Future meeting dates and times
 - Next SAC meeting will be Monday, November 24, 2008 at 6 p.m. in the middle/high school cafeteria
16. Adjourn

Meeting: 6 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
SAC Minutes/dms/11-28-08