

# Valley Ridge Academy School Advisory Council

## Meeting Minutes by Johanna Santinho

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Location: VRA Media Center

### Minutes approved at 3/12/2019 SAC Meeting.

- I. Call to Order: Holly Nover
  - a. Quorum met & Meeting began at 3:30pm
  - b. Reminder of 5-star voting members/ sign-sheet
- II. Review of January Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve minutes made by Craig Myers
  - b. Motion to second by Kerri Gustavson
- III. 3rd Grade Spotlight
  - a. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students from Ms. Kerry Hickey's class presented their findings on their studies of baby chicks.
  - b. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students also presented and reenacted their wax museums
- IV. SAC Funds - Professional Development Summary: Tricia Ingle
  - a. Ms. Ingle Thanked the SAC members for the opportunity
  - b. Ms. Ingle discussed her observations
    - i. Takeaway: addressed recognizing cultural bias on dyslexia and dyscalculia
- V. SJCSJ Focus Group Summary: Maria Salomon
  - a. Shared observations made by the superintendent, Mr. Forson's focus group
    - i. Maria shared Mr. Forson's relatability and a bit of his history as an educator. She expressed how lucky we are to have him in the county.
    - ii. Teacher accountability in alignment to benchmarks
    - iii. Media center become hubs for stem
      1. Maria offered the example of lego stations
    - iv. Maria will attend March focus meeting
- VI. SAC Needs Assessment Reminder
  - a. Holly reminds school Needs Assessment will go out March 1 -15
  - b. Encourage the community & peers to take assessment and set the discussion for the future of our school
- VII. School Board Update: Kelly Barrera
  - a. Thanked Maria for her description of Mr. Forson's Focus group and his vision, then added Mr. Forson's focus on teacher support through family centered environment and professional development
  - b. Shared the purpose of the focus group is to represent all schools
  - c. Additional cross-section focus groups created by Mr. Forson, are Student Advisory Council, Teacher of the Year Council
  - d. Nease HS currently undergoing Ray road construction for additional turn lane
    - i. A memorandum was signed earlier in the day approving the turn lane

- e. Congratulations o behalf of the board to VRA for winning the Soup-er Bowl
  - f. Palencia host the stem fair in March & Science fair awards take place on February 14<sup>th</sup>
  - g. High school academies make decisions and come to a close in March
  - h. Control open enrollment closes in March
  - i. Teacher of the year is celebrated
  - j. Testing season begins March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - k. Gifted prevention advisory Council on February 28th
- VIII. Principal Update: Sandra McMandon
- a. Reiterate the compliments to Mr. Forson, and mentioned Mr. Forson was Social Studies teacher
  - b. The PLC process at VRA continues to grow with the collaboration element
    - i. Friday is in service day and VRA will dedicate the day to the process of PLC
    - ii. Provide teachers with time to collaborate amongst their PLC time
    - iii. Audrey Holts will host/ provide professional development on Friday
  - c. Stem Fair at VRA was success and students amazed Ms. McMandon
  - d. Yash Sing will represent VRA Thursday night at Palencia Stem-Fair
  - e. Festival of the Arts is coming up on the 23<sup>rd</sup> 4pm- 6:30pm
    - i. Students will have their displayed art for sale
    - ii. All levels of band will perform
    - iii. There will be food trucks, photo booths, and business partners
  - f. Testing season has arrived
    - i. We need proctors
    - ii. FSA have moved to May and EOCs, as well as district testing has been relocated to April as per the State of Florida
    - iii. Contact PTO and Home room teachers for volunteers information and proctoring
- IX. Old Business
- a. No old business
- X. New Business
- a. Next meeting reminder
- XI. Adjournment
- a. Motioned to adjourn at 4:02 made by Megan Terry
  - b. Motion to adjourn seconded by Asha Folmsbee