



**South Fort Myers High School**  
*A Title 1 School*

**School Advisory Council**  
**Parent Involvement Meeting**  
*February 5, 2018*

Minutes

Taylor Locke (SFMHS SAC Chairperson) called the meeting to attendance at 6:00p and welcomed the SAC to the fourth meeting of the 2017-2018 school year.

Taylor Locke asked everyone to review the minutes from the December 4, 2017, meeting. Robin Kull motioned to accept the minutes with no changes, and Janet Hildebrand seconded the motion. None opposed.

Taylor Locke led introductions of those in attendance.

Sarai Dutton (SFMHS Testing Coordinator) gave a second semester testing update and provided a testing schedule handout. A copy of the handout Sarai provided is included with the meeting documentation.

Sarai Dutton (SFMHS Parent Involvement Coordinator) also provided information on our upcoming ESOL night on February 26<sup>th</sup> and links for helpful ESOL information. A copy of the handout Sarai provided is included with the meeting documentation.

Charla Fox (a SFMHS TACL Representative) gave a presentation on the half cent sales tax ballot. She provided information on the history of millage, funding drop, etc. The income that comes from the half cent sales tax will stay in Lee County and will be overseen by a committee. Robin Kull asked how often the school district is audited, and Charla replied that it is audited yearly. Ed Mathews (SFMHS Principal) gave additional information on the need for the income.



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Schools in the East Zone are at capacity and beyond. Many elementary schools and middle schools are in need of major repairs. Frank Bova (SFMHS parent) asked about floating bonds, and Charla replied that we certificates of participation must be floated – not bonds. Charla Fox and Ed Mathews provided additional information on charter schools and the funds they take from public education income. Frank Bova asked what percentage of budget goes to salaries and benefits, and Charla gave an overview of the different funds that are used in public education. Basically, salaries and benefits are a large part of the operating funds, but there are many other funds that are a part of the overall budget. Charla wrapped up the presentation by referring them to leeschools.net.

Taylor Locke gave a DAC report in Joan Downen’s absence, which was a presentation on the sales tax ballot.

Ed Mathews gave his principal’s report on the ABCs of SFMHS.

- Attendance: SFMHS was 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in high school attendance right behind FMHS and DHS.
- Behavior: In January 2017, SFMHS had approximately 250 behavior issues. In January 2018, we had approximately 75. We are seeing a drastic decrease in behavior issues.
- Curriculum: Reading is our lowest subject at SFMHS, but we are in the top 5 in Math, Science, and Social Studies. Our goal is to be a B this year. We are starting a “Move Your Bucket” campaign which will result in a trip to Head Pinz for qualified students. Ed referenced the in-school SAT testing date for all 12<sup>th</sup> graders who have still not met their 10<sup>th</sup> grade ELA FSA requirement. Ed also gave a recap of the academies, including the success of the welding program. Frank Bova asked about the engineering program, and Ed said that a robotics/engineering class was coming back next year.
- Ed Mathews wrapped up his Principal’s Report with a recap of SFMHS sports, the Fort Myers Art Fest, and the Drumline’s performance at FMMA.

For the good of the order, Frank asked about dual enrollment, and it was recommended that he contact Bonnie Mazza. Robin said that there needs to be a greater community awareness on the SFMHS academies. Ed Mathews said that maybe we can brainstorm sales tax promotion ideas at a future SAC meeting and even hold an opportunity for conversation on the premises.

Robin Kull made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and JoAnn Bova seconded the motion. None opposed. Taylor Locke announced that the next SAC Meeting was March 5th, at 6p and adjourned the meeting at 6:53p.



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