

## **New Dimensions High School SAC Minutes**

October 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Persaud at 6:30 p.m.

### **In attendance**

Amanda Persaud, Ralph Barrett, Poinciana Library representative, Dr. Cafiero, Dr. Grimm, Parents and Students

### **Agenda**

- School Improvement Updates
- New Math Teacher / Gate Monitor
- New procedures for front gate
- SRO funding update
- Open Issues / Comments / Events
- Adjourn

### **School Improvement Updates -**

- Dr. Cafiero gave an update on the 2018-2019 School Improvement Plan. As she explained, there are three areas of focus. She explained the rationale for each area of focus and the action plan to address each area. Dr. Cafiero also stated that Dr. Straker from the School District reviewed the SIP. He indicated that we need to elaborate a little more with more details on the areas of focus:
  1. Raise the ELA achievement (reading & writing)
  2. Raise math FSA achievement levels for all students on FSA Math Assessments
  3. Develop Professional Learning Communities

### **New Staff Introduced –**

Dr. Grimm introduced the two new staff members. She explained that Juan Davila retired and is replaced by Josh Agosto to monitor the gate. Also, the math teacher was replaced by Roger Arockiam, who is working hard at getting the students back up to par.

### **Gate procedures –**

Mr. Ralph Barrett explained that the front gate will be locked between 3:00 & 4:00pm to lessen the number of parents requesting students during that time. He reminded parents if they are going to pick up a student to please let the school know in advance. Dr. Cafiero expressed that too many students are missing 4<sup>th</sup> period. Mrs. Spangler, a parent, suggested “No Early Release” at all. The SRO deputy will assist if there is a problem at the gate.

### **SRO Funding Updates**

- Mrs. Amanda Persaud gave the parents an update on the SRO funding issue. Things were put on hold when we found out that there would be too many representatives coming to discuss the issue. Because of the upcoming election, we did not want the meeting to turn into a political rally/debate. Rather, we will wait and organize things a little more before meetings. Parents expressed a concern that the politicians would not listen to our plea after the elections.

Dr. Grimm reminded parents to call or come by to make sure their personal information was up-to-date to make sure they were receiving the latest information from the school.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Open House this Thursday @ 5:00pm – report cards will be distributed and parents have an opportunity to visit with their student's teachers.

- Siul de la Paz, a student, spoke on behalf of the Jr Class and reminded parents of the Zaxby's fund raiser from 5:00-8:00pm, October 29. Ten percent of the proceeds will go to the Jr Class. In addition, the school's drum line will be performing. The Zaxby's mascot will be present as well.
- Homecoming/Winter Dance – December 1, 2018, Saturday from 7:00-10:30pm in the gym. Cost is \$13 per person or \$24 per couple. Food and drinks will be served.

### **Open Issues**

Open House time? From 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Mrs. Spangler would like to see an Open House second semester as well.

Marlena Gloff-Straw, a volunteer & employee reminded the parents and students to sign up for a library card.

Mr. Barrett motioned to end the meeting, Mrs. Myrie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

### **Next Meeting**

November 6, 2018 at 6:30pm

Minutes taken by – Dr. Grimm