

**Central Area Advisory
General Meeting @ Piper High School
October 22, 2014**

Welcome – 9:30 am by Angel Gomez, Principal, and by Alicia (Allie) Walford. Mr. Gomez spoke about the Innovation Zone Showcase that was held last night.

Minutes

Minutes from the September meeting were silently read. Motion to accept was made by Tracy Kinte, and seconded by Daniel Sohn. Motion carried.

Presentation by Shelly Lunde and Claude Lessard, Office of School Performance and Accountability (OSPA).

A power point presentation was given about School Advisory Council (SAC). SAC is governed by Florida Statute 1001.452 and must have a majority of parents on its council. The council must be representative of the school population. SAC should include representatives from the Gifted, ESE, ELL, and Pre-K community.

Some of the main points:

SAC is responsible for the development of the school's vision. SAC looks at the data and prioritizes needs to best move the school forward. SAC is responsible for the School Improvement Plan (SIP). SAC has funding that it has discretion over (per student and A+)

SAC is different from School Advisory Forum (SAF). They are required by law to meet jointly at least twice a year. SAF is the liaison for community driven policies. SAC chairs should attend Central Area Advisory (CAA).

Questions & Answers

How to you recruit for SAC? Ms. Lunde offered to send out an email to help with recruitment. Others volunteers advise.

What happens if SAC is out of compliance? OSPA will work with the school until compliance is met.

Does the SAC chair need to be an administrator? No

How do you find the SIP for your school? Go to the School board website, click on About Us then Departments, click on Office of School Performance & Accountability, click on Initiatives, click on School Improvement Plan (SIP) and then select school, year (yes, you can view last year's plan). Once you have opened the document you will notice item #2 Socio-Economic Status (SES) band. This gives each school a ranking of performance based similar school in its SES and what it needs to do to improve its ranking. Hopefully schools will share BEST practices.

- Also on the Initiative page is the SAC information, you can view the timeline for events that they follow, and other important SAC documents.

Elections – Andrea Blackwood

Quorum not met. Per bylaws – if a consensus of those attending can be reached, then people can be appointed to positions. Some positions remain open. Consensus was as follows:

Corresponding Secretary	- Colleen Laurent
DAC High School Rep.	- Daughn White
Parent at Large	- Daniel Sohn

CAA will continue to try to fill all positions.

Area Chair Report – Alicia Walford

Allie reported that in addition to our school reps helping/mentoring their school level each high school zone will have a mentor.

<i>High School Zone</i>	<i>Mentor</i>
Boyd Anderson	A. Walford
Dillard	“
Cypress Bay	C. Krohn
Western	“
Plantation	D. Aufenager
South Plantation	“
Ft. Lauderdale	J. Lewis
Piper	A. Blackwood
Stranahan	S. Sneed

Legislative Update

Daniel Sohn reported that the upcoming bond is the #1 issue facing us. The over site committee cannot be set until the general obligation bond passes. Children Services Council is also on the ballot for reauthorization. Please have everyone get out and vote.

By-Law Committee

Laurel R-Love reported that the by- law committee has been meeting. Clarification on several points is being sought from school board liaison. Committee will continue to meet and hopes to have a draft available to the general membership by November. She also stressed that SAF chair training on Robert’s Rules, and Sunshine Laws is available on brain shark. Ally will send the link for all to complete.

General Discussions and Announcements

School representatives asked about a list of SAF chairs – Principals must have a SAF chair. Now that everyone has been contacted electronically, the next round will be phone calls so we can fill in the blanks on our attendance sheets.

Paula Meadows, Westpine MS Principal, asked about night meetings – The next CAA meeting is Monday November 17th, at 6 pm at Bair MS. We also have another evening meeting this year. If these are well attended then next year there will be more. It was noted that some AA meetings are only in the evening.

Andrea Blackwood asked that information about the Digital Divide (who has computers and internet access) be made available to the CAA and parents. This will be brought to DAC.

Calendar committee has drafts on the website. Please get feedback for the next meeting.

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ED TALK is coming up on November 1, please attend if you can.

Conversation with the District is coming to Piper HS on Monday October 27 at 6:30 pm.

Principal McDermott, Bair MS, reported principals are working on SIP, FTE Week data, and sub-cadre alphabet soup of CCR, CARE, BEST, and RTI.

Adjournment 11:00 PM

Next Steering Meeting is November 13 at TSSC Bldg 9:30 am.

Next General Meeting is November 17 at Bair Middle School at 6 pm.

