

Deerfield Beach High School

"Make A Difference"

*August 29th, 2011
3:00 P.M.-DBHS Media Center*

I. Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions

The pledge of Allegiance was given, and the meeting was called to order at 3:04 P.M.

II. Reading and acceptance of May 16, 2011 Minutes

Minutes were read and a motion was made by Ms. Sofer to accept as presented. Minutes were approved by the council.

III. School Report- Mr. Marlow

Parent involvement in SAC has gone up this year judging by this meeting. There are currently 2450 students enrolled at DBHS. This is because more students are coming to the school, from the surrounding community. Because several area schools did not meet certain requirements DBHS, which is a opportunity receiving school, will be receiving close to a 100 more students from those schools. Because of that DBHS and Broward as a whole, cannot meet or will have serious trouble in keeping numbers down to state class size requirements. We are keeping most core class around 32 students, with elective classes being extremely full. Many families and students wish to be apart of DBHS this year, more than normal. This year the IB program for the first time had a waiting list.

The school had a smooth opening, and transition into the new rotator 7 schedule, even with the increased number of students. Several district level changes have been taken this year. Currently the school board is finalizing their choice for superintendent of schools, and two board members have been chosen by the governor to fill vacant positions. As for the school grade, because of all the different factors taken for the high school grades, it will not be until after November until we receive our grade for this year.

FCAT update: The FCAT scores are in, we have 43% in reading, 83% in writing, 71% in math, and 34% in science who met the FCAT standards earning DBHS 231 grade points. 46% in reading and 73% in math made learning gains earning 119 grade points. 47% in reading, and 68% in math of our lower quartile students made adequate progress earning us 115 grade points. In all DBHS earned 465 grade points.

The state is currently, in accordance with policy 6000, moving away from FCAT with only the reading test being given. In math students will only be taking End of Course Exams, or EOCs.

County wide DBHS is 15th in reading proficiency tying with several schools, and beating several others. We also received a rank of 18th in reading gains. In math proficiency we are ranked 20th in the county, and 15th for learning gains. In writing proficiency we have a rank of 19th in the county, and science we are at the same level.

Under House Bill 1908 states other factors will be used in high school grade factoring. These factors are Graduation rate, Acceleration rate (AP Class enrollment), and college readiness. Those total available points are 300, 300, and 200 respectively.

IV. Technology Update- Ms. Formoso

We currently have 38 Promethean interactive white boards, a class set of iPads, and several computer laptop carts. We also, with the exception of PBHS, have the most teachers who are trained in use of technology. We are asking for \$6500 to purchase LCD projectors, and ELMO document projectors. A motion was made by Ms. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Cooksey to approve the proposal. A vote was taken with the SAC members and it was approved.

V. Department Updates

Reading-Ms. Eade-The first BAT or Broward Assessment test will be in two weeks. The test is on reading and sets the baseline for students for improvement. A reading incentive program is currently established in the school. When gains are made students who have made progress receive rewards. These rewards range from luncheons, movies in the auditorium, and prizes such as MP3 players. A special incentive will be given to reading students who meet a certain criteria in all these classes.

English-Ms. Clark-Smith On September 7th and 8th students will be taking writing assessments to gauge their current writing levels. After which the students will receive their scores and an improvement plan for each student will be made.

The lower 30% of students will be given a reading plan starting September 5th. The students will be assisted in their struggling categories in their classes, with the categories changing every week for 18 weeks.

Writing is being infused across the curriculum with period 3 classes have some type of reading/writing assignment that ties in with their curriculum.

Math- Ms. Shaw: We are short books currently, however we are coping by giving out CD edition of the books. We have a smaller department, however we have a professional team of staff ready to assist staff.

Science- Ms. O'Brien-Absent

VI. Unfinished Business

None

V. New Business

Nomination of officers and members-

Position	Name
Principle	Mr. Marlow
SAC Chair	Mrs. Eade
SAC Vice Chair	
SAC Secretary	
ESOL Representative	Mr. D. Coelho (Possibly)
ESE Representative	
Gifted Representative	Ms. J. Christianson
Community Member	Ms. Hoftman, Mr. Vines

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:08pm