

McFatter Technical Center School Advisory Council Meeting  
September 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Attended by: Ellen Albano, Roger Barnhart, Moses Bhooshi, Stuart Bowers, Robert Burrows, Cara Daniel, Patrick Eloi, Lynn Goldman, Diane Grant, Haiba Jabali, Jeanette Johnson, Jose Laverde, Lauren Lue, Brian Mazur, Sheldon McCartney, Cara Pasquale, Valentina Ramirez, Spencer Read, Mary Romanski, Ivan Serrano, Debbie Shotwell, Liz Shurak, Vinny Tringali, and Jerry Witt .

Unable to attend: Margarita Castellon, Jessica Doherty, Kathy Durham, Kona Gray, Joan Kovac, Micki Mallinson, and Susan Safra.

Lunch was served at 11:30 and the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cara Pasquale at 11:45.

Self introductions were made.

Motion was made/seconded to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2011 meeting. (Grant/Shotwell), motion passed.

**Old Business:**

Cara Pasquale made a presentation to former SAC Chair Sheldon McCartney for his years of leadership and dedication to the McFatter School Advisory Council, staff and students. Sheldon thanked everyone and pledged to stay involved.

Jeanette Johnson gave a brief history of her years at McFatter, first as an English teacher, then Magnet Coordinator, then as Assistant Director. He has spent 6 years at Lorenzo Walker Technical Center in Naples, Florida where she oversaw the creation of a high school onto a technical center campus following the McFatter Model.

Campus/staff update: Jeanette went onto give an update (see below). Ms. Johnson also reported that the enrollment numbers for student in the General Adult and ESOL programs in down. This is because for the first time in history those students are being asked to pay a fee. While the ESOL students are used to paying a fee at other locations (so those enrollment numbers are slowly climbing up), the Adult Basic Education programs (students who have tested very low on the entrance exam) are having difficulty paying the fee. This is a problem statewide and will need to be addressed again in the legislature. The numbers in the Drafting program are way up. The McFatter drafting teacher retired and a teacher from Sheridan Tech moved over to McFatter.

## **B&G Club**

Appraisals stage, then district/School Board review & approval

## **Budget -**

High school FTE

State workforce (postsecondary) funding

Next meeting: Carry-forward, FTE increases, etc.

## **To support continued post-secondary income/funding:**

Communications Tech programs/ 6 hour program returns

New programs initial implementation (per June report)

Increased adult enrollments in existing programs (i.e. Drafting)

AGE program enrollments declined statewide

Opened 2 evenings, plus Saturdays

Additional new programs – dependent on B&G Club

## **Equipment & Furniture**

June: \$260,000 met; approximately \$215,000 pending

Fall 2011: Identified another \$150,000 (approximate)

Prioritizing – will be able to meet most needs

## **Facilities & Grounds**

Spring/summer refresher work

Still pending: Painting, bench replacements, etc.: to be submitted to district for pricing/approval

High School roof: Complete

Welding booth – moving forward this year

Pharmacy Tech: will move forward after bidding process

## **High School Rigor**

FCAT readiness – Fostering Academic Success Together

New AP programs – AP Psych, Geography, increased enrollment in others

Industry certifications – awaiting rates from state for 10-11; emphasis for 11-12

Coalition of Essential Schools – professional study in 11-12

## **Organizational Structure & Staffing**

Lynn Goldman;

Hiring in process: Full-time Technology Coordinator; Additional Microcomputer Technician; ESE Specialist; Job Placement Specialist (start date: September 16)

2 postsecondary program advisors: emphasis on recruiting, marketing

E-learning department in place – 3 full time, one part time

Evening & Saturday programming

## **Property & Inventory**

Excellent progress. Installation of Technology/Inventory team.

## **Technology**

Digital classrooms installed in High School, initial staff training complete

Computer updates as needed

Continued forward movement – 21<sup>st</sup> century tools – online tools, handheld devices, etc.

## **Broward Fire Academy**

Will remain with BCPS, MTC – efforts to minimize overhead costs

School Improvement Plan Update: Cara Daniel reported. Both Ms. Daniel and Ms. Johnson commented that the goals are really a K-12 focus and not a post-secondary focus by district design. The 2011-2012 goals for McFatter are:

1. By June 2012, increase the number of students performing at level 3 or higher on FCAT Reading to 83%.
2. By June of 2012, increase the number of students performing at level 3 or higher of FCAT mathematics to 98%.
3. By June 2012, increase the number of students performing at level 3 or higher in FCAT Writing to 97%.
4. By June 2012, increase the number of students performing at level 3 or higher on FCAT Science and/or EOC Exam Biology to 54% or higher.
5. By June 2012, increase student performance in the Non-FCAT Based components which include College and Career Readiness as measured by Dual enrollment participation, Industry Certification, SAT, ACT and AP Scores by 3%.
6. By June of 2012, increase the expected local performance completion rate for postsecondary students as measured by the Council of Occupational Education to 80%.

## **New Business:**

Magnet Enrollment Status: Roger Barnhart gave a report. The specifics will be noted in the minutes of the next meeting.

FAST Program: Cara Daniel reported that a team of high school teachers met over the summer to develop a plan. The plan is a time-lined process to align, monitor and adjust instructional needs for all content areas to increase student achievement. The Fostering Achievable Success Together Program (FAST) is a “whole child” approach intended to increase student achievement in all content areas by fostering a safe learning environment, ensuring students are supported by faculty, staff and administration while being challenged academically and engaging students in grades 9-12 in both academic and technical classes and will recognize the significance every student plays as a stakeholder, not only in their own success but also in the success of their peers.

Industry Certificate Update: Roger Barnhart reported that our students, both adult and high school take as many industry certification exams as possible during the program. Patrick Eloi commented that the MCSC and Cisco certificates are the standard for the IT industry. Jerry Witt commented about the Serv-Pro certification for culinary. It is the standard that Publix uses for their staff. Ellen Albano encourages business members in attendance to join an Industry Advisory (program specific) to help determine which exams the State mandates. This advisory's meet two times a year.

Roger also report that Graham Rabinowitsch, a former SAC member, McFatter high school student and Silver Knight winner is now serving as an aid to Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz while attending George Washington University.

Scholarship Foundation: Lynn Goldman gave a brief history of this Foundation—11 years ago at the suggestion of business members of the McFatter SAC a Scholarship Foundation was established. Funds would be raised to award dollars to McFatter students to continue their education, either as McFatter graduates or as students attending McFatter. The criteria not agreed that it would not be based on financial need, but rather on a student's moral character. Each year a Food and Wine event is held to raise dollars. There is participation by the Culinary department, restaurants and caterers. A wine sponsor is selected and live, silent and Chinese auctions are held. Each dollar raised goes toward student scholarships. Over the past two years this event has grown to include the Atlantic and Sheirdan Scholarship Foundations as well.

The 2012 event will be held on Wednesday, March 7 at the Signature Grand from 6-9 pm. This is not an event for students, but the community at large, parents, faculty, staff and business partners. Anyone interested in participating either as a food vendor or auction donor should contact Lynn Goldman at 754 321-5728 or [Lynn.Goldman@browardschools.com](mailto:Lynn.Goldman@browardschools.com).

By-laws: Lynn Goldman emailed the By-laws out to all voting members prior to the meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the By-laws. S9McCartnery/Shurak).

### **Reports:**

Central Area Advisory: Moses Bhooshi had no report. The first Central Area Advisory meeting of the school year will be September 15 at Plantation high school. Cara Pasquale asked Mr. Bhooshi if he would be attending Area meeting this year and prepare a report for the SAC meeting. Mr. Bhooshi agreed to handle the task.

PTSA: There was no representative from the PTSA to give a report.

Student Government Association: Jessica Doherty was unable to attend do to a fever. She will report at the next meeting.

Class reports:

Class of 2012: Spencer Read reported as seniors, the class of 2012, realizes the importance of the coming year. The class officers hit the ground running, planning fundraisers and events throughout the year in preparation for Prom and Grad Bash in May 2012.

In the coming month of September we will be hosting a candy sale from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>, as well as a car spot auction on September 16<sup>th</sup>, in which we will auction off the first three parking spots in the west lot.

The Class looks forward to working closely with SAC to promote a successful school year.

Class of 2013: Brian Mazur reported that the Class of 2013 just held its first meeting on August 31, 2011 and we had one of the best turnouts in recent memory. We are focusing on our ring ceremony which will take place on November 1. A committee has been formed is contemplating a theme and decorations. We have also received approval for two chocolate sales, the Valentine's Day Dance and a spirit week in February. The Class also plans to sell entertainment (coupon) books around the holidays.

Class of 2014: Valentina Ramirez reported: The class of 2014, hopes to host many events to raise money, the first one will be a Movie Night, Thursday October 6, 2011 4:20 to 6:30 PM. The movie has yet to be decided on and the cost will be \$5 which includes popcorn and fruit punch and we may sell additional items that night. Tickets will not be sold at the door, pre-sale only.

The officers and Ms. Shotwell have discussed hosting a dance before FCAT testing in the month of April. The theme will be old school (70s & 80s).

Furthermore, the class will have a candy sale but the date is yet to be determined and we've also been talking about hosting a spirit week, but once again, dates are not set.

We are still trying to come up with a T-Shirt design. A pre-sale will be held in order to ensure everyone gets the correct size and so they don't end up with any leftover shirts.

Finally, we are working on our By-laws.

Class of 2015: The class has not met yet or held elections . They will have a representative in place by the December SAC meeting.

Post-secondary student report: Lauren Lue was glad to be selected to represent other students on the SAC, she will make a report at the next meeting.

Security: Officer Christi Lavera did not attend or send a report.

Member comments: Sheldon McCartney reported ht Project Sable is always looking for volunteers.

Jerry Witt shared with the group that thieves have been working the Davie area stealing the information from debit and credit cards with a special device. Citizens are encouraged to hit "clear/cancel" before swiping the credit or debit card and then again after their transaction are done. This will stop the device from reporting your information including your PIN number.

Cara Pasquale reviewed the dates of importance:

- Tuesday, September 13, 2011 Parent Night
- Thursday, September 22, 2011 Early Release Day
- Thursday, September 29, 2011—No School -- Rosh Hashanah
- Thursday, October 27, 2011 – Early Release Day
- Friday, October 28, 2011 – Employee Planning (no students)
- Friday, November 11, 2011 – No School – Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 17, 2011 – Report Cards
- Monday-Friday, November 21, 22, 23, 24, & 25, 2011- No School -- Thanksgiving

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 (Grant/Shurak).

The SAF meeting was called to order and adjourned. (Shurak/Bhooshi)

Submitted by:  
Lynn Goldman

The next meeting will be on December 8, 2011 in room 603. Lynn will send out the agenda one week before the meeting