

Lemon Bay High School
School Advisory Committee

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March 17, 2010 Meeting
7:00 PM

SAC Members and Attendance:

Jon Arritt	E	Carrie Dillmore	P	Beth Johnston	P
Chris Banting	E	Andy Dodd	P	Kevin Katsereles, Vice Chair	P
Robert Bedford, AP	P	Linda Engemann	A	Sally Lutz	E
Patti Berry	P	Jim Harrison, Chairman	P	Jerry Paul	A
Vicki Brewer	A	Rita Hauer	P	Juli Peretz	P
Lois Casey	E	Charlie Hemp	A	Karol Sweeterman, Secretary	P
Rachel Damioli	P	Dan Jeffers, Principal	P	Ana Vorlicek	P

Attendance Codes: P=Present, A=Absent, E=Excused

Members signed in and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Jim Harrison. A lack of quorum prevented a motion from being passed to approve the minutes.

Principal Jeffers informed the members that:

- Dr. Widmeyer's presentation regarding student services would be rescheduled to the April SAC meeting.
- The groundbreaking ceremony for the new school construction will be on May 6, 2010 at 11:30 AM and that SAC members are invited and encouraged to attend and enjoy a luncheon afterwards.
- The Relay for Life event held at LBHS was very successful and memorable. Thirty-seven teams participated, 10 school clubs were present, 206 survivors walked, 2000+ luminaries were around the track, 120 LBHS students raised \$3000.00, over \$92,000.00 was collectively raised, high school and middle school students were affected by the event, clean up was thorough and efficient, and LBHS will be hosting next year's Relay for Life.
- The architects for the new school construction met with staff members regarding the plans and were very receptive and patient with questions and suggestions for the plans.

Assistant Principal Bob Bedford discussed the logistics of FCAT administration and the effect on the school and student body. He explained that three years ago the district developed a permission slip for 11th and 12th graders who previously passed their FCAT tests to be signed by parents and students signifying that they would be excused from school to explore school related opportunities elsewhere. This year significant adjustments were made to improve the testing schedule and environment. For example, lunch was placed between each testing session each day instead of going straight through with only a ten minute break. Students with 504 and ESE extended time accommodations took only one test session per day and were placed in designated testing rooms. Special diploma students are not required to take the FCAT. Level 1 and 2 reading students were placed with their reading teacher. All other students tested with their second period teacher except for second period elective classes. Proctors were assigned in each room along with the teacher administering the test. Scheduling was very carefully coordinated to accommodate the different test lengths, grades, extended time allowances, etc. and for all students to be able to eat lunch at the same time. The students appreciated lunch between the test sessions and were able to maintain focus for the second half of testing. Testing security requires housing FCAT materials in secure areas at all times.

A guidance counselor and teacher work for a week prior to account and coordinate all materials. Knowing where every test is at every minute is the nature of the high security and high risk stakes test that the FCAT is. Once tests are in, counting, recording, and packing up all materials is the post test security procedures. Ninety-five percent of students are required to be tested. Only 2-3% of students were absent which is the school's best attendance percentage to date.

Mr. Bedford continued with the news that LBHS was chosen to be a field test school for end of year exams. The Algebra I field test will be given in May for ninth grader and will be a 90 minute test on the computer. No results will be available. Preparations and a practice test will need to be provided first. Next year a baseline in Algebra I and Geometry will be established. End of year tests will be 30% of the course grade. How this affects the school grade has yet to be determined. The FCAT will eventually be replaced with end of year exams. New developments and legislation is evolving and end results are still to be determined.

There were no other reports received and filed and there was no other new business. The meeting adjourned at the request of all present and members were dismissed at 8:12 PM.