

McFatter Technical College and Technical High School
School Advisory Council
March 8, 2018 Meeting

Attended by: Ellen Albano, Craig Albertini, Roger Barnhart, Deborah Bluth, Stacy Casson, Tom Collins, Cara Daniel, Shirley Dickinson, Kwolanne Felix, Juan Jose Figueroa, Lynn Goldman, Lillie Henry, Rachel Howlett, Rick Keiser, Joan Kovac, Christy Laguna, Anju Mahmood, Rosaura Martinez, Danielle McColgin, Ayse McLaughlin, Gordon Merle, Daniela Mujica, Gisselle Oval, Cara Pasquale, Richard Pineiro, Julio Ramirez, Mary Romanski, Franzie Williams, Christine Wolf, Ashley Woods & Syrena Young **Excused:** Gisselle Bayona, Kim Camps, Brian Cunningham, Andre Gomez, Luis Gutierrez, Jeanette Johnson, Maria Keener, Francois Leconte, Cristina Martine, Sheldon McCartney, Carlos Molinet, Jonathan Padilla, Daphne Snell, Savannah Stansel, Makeda Thomas & Christina Williams

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gordon Merle at 11:50am.

Self- introductions were made.

Gordon Merle announced a moment of silence for the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas tragedy.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes to the January 11, 2018 meeting. (Pasquale/Kovac).

Old Business:

Scholarship Foundation; sponsors, restaurants: Lynn Goldman reported that 400 seats have been sold, which we usually sell 500. Club baskets were due this past Monday. Last year when scholarships were awarded for McFatter students there were not enough funds to meet half of the scholarship applications that were received. A big part of that was because McFatter had not donated/created baskets as much as they have in the past. Lynn announced that nothing has been received from the freshman, sophomore or junior classes, NHS, or any clubs except for when the club sponsor took it upon themselves to donate. Students are never expected to use their own money to purchase items. Donation letters are provided to distribute to the public. Gordon Merle asked Lynn to send out a final reminder e-mail. Students will still be able to bring their baskets to STC by tomorrow afternoon. Lillie Henry announced if the students get their baskets together she will bring them to STC for them. Lynn reminded the students that the baskets need to have a \$75 value. At the event, there will be restaurants with amazing menus, lots of baskets and auction items, which have come mainly from ATC and STC. Other donation items include 4 dell laptops, 2 Audi driving experiences that have a value of \$2500 and an MTC parent donated a one week stay at her condo in Jamaica.

A+ Funds: Cara Daniel reported that the funds were dispersed in January.

School Improvement Plan: Cara Daniel reported that Jeanette Johnson has approved tutoring for the 2nd semester, totaling approximately \$17,000, so that the students have the opportunity to get the assistance they need. Teachers are offering tutoring at different times. Therefore, the students will need to check with their teachers for specific times tutoring will be offered. Parents can look at the weekly newsletter that Lillie Henry sends out for this information. On March 2nd all 9th grade students took the FSA Writing Assessment, on March 5th all 10th grade students took the FSA Writing Assessment, and March 7th all 11th grade students sat for the SAT Assessment. Mid Term exam week will be March 19th – 22nd.

District Accreditation: Cara Daniel reported that Jeanette Johnson mentioned at our last SAC meeting the district completed the process and has been re-accredited by AdvancED. The next portion to this will be paper surveys

required to be completed by every parent. The student will bring home the survey for their parents to complete and return to their teacher. The first 5 classes to turn all their surveys in will be rewarded with either a pizza party or a dessert party. We will be sending the survey responses to the accrediting body. They then will populate this into the AdvancED system to give schools feedback in various areas (i.e. academic, administrative, and teachers).

SMART Bond Initiative: Ellen Albano reported that on the School Board website there's a SMART Bond page, under facilities, that tracks what's happening in our school with the allocations of these funds, how they're being expended and how far along they are with the projects. At MTC we will have our A/C updated within the next year, heavy equipment for the Fire Academy, updated Lighting for our TV Production studio and fire sprinkler system upgrade.

New Business:

School Security and Safety: Cara Daniel reported that we now have a new SRO/SWAT officer, Craig Albertini. Craig is here to provide extra safety and support for our campus. In addition, we're in the process of hiring another campus monitor. Our campus monitors are stationed at the west and east ends of our campus and they are stopping everyone that is entering our campus. After high school classes start and all the busses have come through, we close one of the gates on the east end of campus so that there's only one entrance opened. As an Administrative team we are out and present more than we have been in the past. When anyone, that is not a McFatter student, comes on campus they are to go to the front desk and check into the STAR system and get a badge. The district safety team will be coming on campus to conduct various trainings and support. Eventually that information will be given to the teachers and staff. The district had suspended all fire drills for some time, which has now been lifted. We will have our next fire drill on March 12th. Traditionally we don't announce fire drills, but in lieu of what happened at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas we are announcing this one. Cara explained the differences between a code yellow and a code red. A code yellow means there's a threat not on our campus, but in the surrounding area. During a code yellow there should be no movement, locking everything down and teaching should resume as usual. A code red means someone is on campus with a gun or knife. During a code red everything should be locked down, no teaching, lights off, move away from doors and windows and if there's a closet in the classroom the teacher is instructed to have all the students go in it. All teachers were given protocols to follow during these codes. We will be purchasing another golf cart in order to assist with emergencies quicker. Cara shared some questions that Jeanette had received from the students as well as her responses to them (see attachment #1). When a code yellow or code red is lifted there's a code word that will be said over the intercom so that everyone is aware everything is ok. Cara announced that no guns are allowed on campus even if they have a concealed carry license. No guns are to be kept in the car as well since we are a public institution. If a code yellow or a code red is called we will do a push notification that will go out to parents to inform them. In the future we will have an active shooter drill. Hopefully within the next month we will be trained on that drill. Once we know the dates we will include them in the weekly newsletter so that the parents are made aware. Officer Christy added that she is part of the team that does the active shooter trainings. She stated that at this time they have only gotten through the elementary schools because they can only conduct these trainings on teacher work days. The next step will be going to middle schools and then high schools. Craig added that he is on the team through the Davie Police Department and since the Stoneman Douglas tragedy there has been a lot of requests for this training. They are working hard to get all of the schools scheduled. Franzie Williams mentioned that we had a meeting similar to this when we came back from Winter Break. Someone from SIU came in and gave live scenarios and played a 911 call from the Sandyhook shooting. Ellen Albano added that we've also had subsequent meetings in order to follow-up on questions from staff. Ashley Woods stated that she's had students ask her if they would be able to have a training at the beginning of the school year so that they would know better about what to do in an active shooter scenario. Ayse McLaughlin asked if parents could volunteer for safety. Gordon Merle stated that Cara and Jeanette would have to check with the superintendent to see if that would be possible. Kwolanne Felix announced that the SGA would be

holding an open voters registration at the beginning of April. Students who are 18 and older would be able to register to vote and students 16-17 would be able to pre-register to vote, which means they will already be registered when they turn 18.

Nomination Committee: Gordon Merle announced that a nomination committee needs to be formed to elect the SAC Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for next school year. Cara Pasquale, Joan Kovac and Shirley Dickinson agreed to be on the committee.

Bob Legg Recognition: Lynn Goldman reported that Bob Legg was a member of the SAC committee for many years when he lived in Broward County. He was an avid supporter of the technical colleges, before they even became colleges. A meeting was held with school board members, CareerSource Broward and other community figures who knew and worked with Bob during his time in Broward County. A discussion was had with Jeanette Johnson and her supervisor, Dr. Carletha Shaw, to discuss naming one of building's after Bob Legg, while he's still alive. He worked as a surveyor and worked with our engineering and drafting program. Therefore, we would like to name our Industrial Building after him in his honor. Cara Pasquale added that he founded his company Miller Legg in 1965. Bob contributed with many governmental large scale residential projects in Broward County and in 2006 the Buildings Association of South Florida inducted him into the hall of fame. He would attend career days to speak about engineering, surveying and related consulting fields. Bob has been active in the community being involved with Habitat for Humanity, WorkForce development, Broward Alliance, along with a number of other foundations. Lynn Goldman motioned to name our Industrial Building in his name. The motion was seconded by Joan Kovac. Motion passed.

Reports:

School Advisory Forum: Stacy Casson stated that the last meeting was cancelled, so there is nothing new to report.

PTSA: Shirley Dickinson was not able to attend this meeting and no report was sent.

Student Government Association: Kwolanne Felix reported that after the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas tragedy SGA organized a rally for protest/student walk-out to take place on February 21st (one week after the events). During lunch they made signs for the protest. They gave out 4 tickets for students to be able to attend the town hall meeting at the BB&T Center. A nationwide student walk-out is planned for March 14th where the students will walk-out for 17 minutes and have 17 seconds of silence in honor of the lives that were lost that day. Next week is Spirit Week. Monday will be meme day where students will dress up as their favorite memes, Tuesday will be College Pride day, Wednesday will be MSD pride day where the students will wear the school colors of Marjorie Stoneman Douglas (burgundy and silver), Thursday will be twin day, and Friday will be Class colors day. A pep rally is planned for Friday during 4th period (2:45pm-4:00pm).

Class of 2018: Ashley Woods reported on behalf of Andre Gomez, who was not able to attend the meeting. There will be a color wars day on March 14th during lunch. Students will be able to purchase pigment powder, which will cost \$5 for 3 bags (see attachment #2). Ashley passed around a flyer for their Phenomenon Ice Cream Shop fundraiser (see attachment #3). This fundraiser will be held on March 14th from 4:00pm-6:00pm. The class of 2018 will receive 25% of all purchases from anyone who states they are there for the McFatter fundraiser. On March 22nd, which is early release day, they will be holding a car wash from 2:30pm-4:30pm for \$5 per car. There will also be a "karaoke night" on March 22nd where all students can go to the ARC from 2:30pm-4:30pm for \$4 pre-sale and \$5 at the door.

Class of 2019: Gisselle Oval reported that they had to push the t-shirt sale to March. They're currently having a contest going on right now and the winner will get \$20. A chip sale is still going on for hot chips that are selling

for \$1 per bag. On March 12th – March 23rd they will be having a sale for \$1 per donut. They're in the process of planning a small party in the ARC sometime after exams. Tickets will cost \$5 each and will include small decorations, food, DJ, and entertainment. On May 12th a beach clean-up is being planned. They're also looking into ideas for the "crown step up" celebration for the juniors going on to be seniors.

Class of 2020: Daniela Mujica, Class President, reported that in January they had a candy fundraiser and they sold 22 boxes out of 26. Prom planning has begun. In February they had a stuffed pet adoption sale for Valentine's Day where they sold 25 dogs out of 45, but their breakeven point was 13. The plans for March and April are a class mixer with the Class of 2021, but the date is to be determined. A car wash is being planned. They will be participating in the school pep rally on March 16th. They're trying to plan a field trip to somewhere in Broward County. Some ideas for the field trip are Youth Fair near FIU, Butterfly World, Trampoline Park, escape rooms and museums. They would also like to do a fun-run, but no specific date has been decided yet.

Class of 2021: Syrena Young, Class President, reported that they met with the senior class to discuss senior year, prom and field trips costs. They held a Valentine's Day fundraiser from February 12th - February 16th selling cupcakes and airheads for \$1 each, which made them a \$110 profit. They're currently working on creating lanyards. A new class color was selected, which is purple. They're also thinking of having a spring social for just the Class of 2021. In order to keep the costs down for the social, they're thinking of having the students bring donations for food and to create their own playlist rather than pay for a DJ. They also wrote letters to send to the students of Marjorie Stoneman Douglas. A walk-a-thon and class mixer is in the process of being planned with the Class of 2021 to raise money for both classes.

Post-secondary student reports: Rosaura Martinez, ESOL student, reported that the ESOL Department had their Annual International Picnic held on March 2nd at Treetops Park. All ESOL students (around 200), teachers and staff attended. The students bring food from their countries, which range from Latin America, Asia, Middle East and Africa. They play games, dance and sing karaoke. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Also, they currently have over 30 students who will be completing the program in May.

Security: Officer Christi Laguna stepped out of the room for a minute, so Cara Daniel reported in her absence. Officer Laguna will be out on a medical leave starting March 22nd for 6-8 weeks. We will have another SRO on campus in her absence.

Member comments: **Kwolanne Felix** announced that on April 20th, which is the anniversary of Columbine, students (nationally) are planning a walk-out where they don't come back until legislation changes. Kwolanne is not sure how our student body will handle their participation in this nationwide walk-out. She mentioned that some students may leave for a certain amount of time and then come back. Deborah Bluth mentioned that maybe our students could have a speak-out instead. That way students could write a letter to an editor, e-mail a commentator or something along those lines. Gordon Merle suggested that the students should speak to their teachers and administrators in regards to what they plan on doing. If the students want to wait for legislation to change it may take a while. Kwolanne added that April 20th is grad bash for seniors, so she is not sure how that will play out as far as them walking out since they will be on a field trip.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 1:05pm (Goldman/Howlett)

Submitted by:
Rachel Howlett

Student Q & A Regarding Campus Security/Safety Concerns

1. **Where am I to go if I'm in the bathroom or other area outside of class?**
 - a. This depends in part on whether the emergency announced is a CODE YELLOW or a CODE RED lockdown.
 - b. **CODE YELLOW** means that there is no immediate danger on campus, but there is a *potential* danger in the nearby community. If you are outside or in the bathroom during a CODE YELLOW, move immediately to the **nearest unlocked indoor location** – the closest classroom, an interior hallway, cafeteria, media center, or office. Once there, you can let a staff member know where your current classroom is and, if it is safe for you to go outside, you will be escorted there.
 - c. **CODE RED** means that there is an **active life-threatening event** occurring on campus. You will need to determine, based on what you see and hear around you, whether it is safest for you to quickly evacuate, or if you should seek shelter. If evacuating seems unsafe and there is **any** open classroom, hallway, or office in your **immediate** area, go there **immediately**. If no such indoor space is available, take shelter inside a bathroom stall or, if you cannot get indoors, behind a wall or building. Your goal, whether indoors or out, is to be as quiet, unnoticed, and “invisible” as possible.
2. **What is the check up procedure if a fire alarm is pulled, before everyone starts getting out of class? AND**
3. **How fast can school personnel know who pulled the fire alarm to make a good decision?**
 - a. Whenever a fire alarm sounds, you must respond immediately, under the assumption that there is a fire on campus.
 - b. Our staff responds right away to the system, and has a way to verify a) where the alarm was initiated from and b) whether an actual fire/smoke is present.
 - c. This process takes less than a minute to identify where the alarm came from, but may take a few minutes more to verify smoke/fire presence, depending on the location.
 - d. The **only** time you should not immediately evacuate when the fire alarm sounds is if you see or hear something in the immediate vicinity that indicates evacuating would be dangerous, or if a Code Red has been called. If that happens, remain where you are, with your teacher, and call 911 so you can get assistance.
4. **Are all cameras working? AND**
5. **Does “The Mall” have cameras? AND**
6. **Is there any campus area in need of cameras?**
 - a. Yes, our cameras are working throughout the campus, and provide both live coverage and replay coverage.
 - b. The Mall area does have cameras, as do the east and west parking lots.

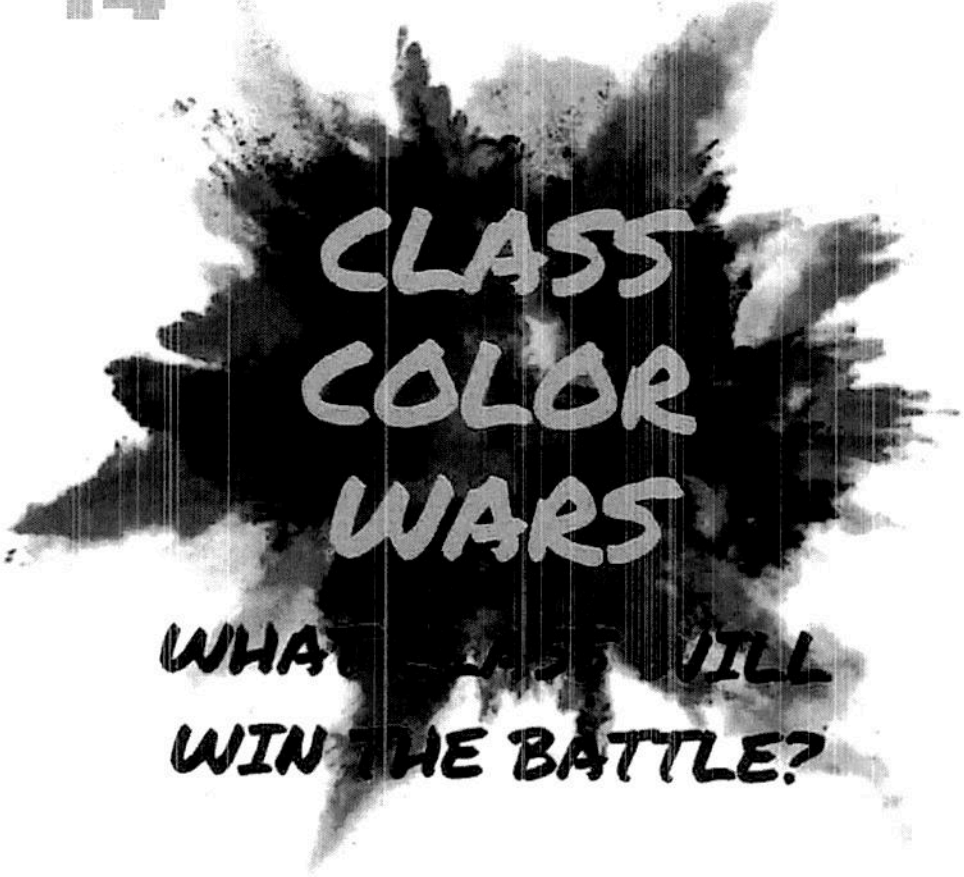
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- c. The ARC, the BECON building, and the Broward Fire Academy do not currently have cameras. We are seeking assistance from the district to address these needs.
7. **Why are all drills not done at the beginning of the school year? AND**
 8. **Why do schools go over fire drills more often than other drills?**
 - a. Historically, fire safety concerns have been the biggest concerns, so state law mandates fire drills monthly, including two in the first few weeks of school, and tornado drills twice annually. Historically, there has been no requirement for lockdown drills each year.
 - b. Our campus had a Code Red lockdown planned for the second semester of this year. In future years, McFatter will conduct both Code Yellow and Code Red lockdown drills during the first semester of school.
 9. **What is the school doing in terms of permanent security with many entrances and exits on campus?**
 - a. As you may have noticed, we have already limited gate access to just one gate on the east and one on the west, once school is in session. Those gates are monitored during school hours by school security or administrative personnel.
 - b. The Town of Davie Police Department has assisted us by assigning a second police officer, Officer Craig Albertini, to be on our campus daily along with Officer Christi LaGuna.
 - c. We have also requested, and will be receiving within the next few weeks, an additional security monitor.
 10. **What are the possibilities of hiring armed private security?**
 - a. By law we are not allowed to have anyone armed on campus except for the law enforcement officers working for the Town of Davie, which has an agreement with Broward Schools to provide police presence on campus.

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**MARCH
14**

BRING A CHANGE OF
CLOTHES



**CLASS
COLOR
WARS**

**WHAT CLASS WILL
WIN THE BATTLE?**

**5\$ FOR 3
PACKETS**

DURING LUNCH AT
THE COURTYARD
BEHIND THE FIELD

MCFATTER TAKES OVER

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PHENOMENOM

NITROGEN ICE CREAM & BAKE SHOP

Wednesday March 14th

2272 S University Dr. Davie, FL 33324

(Tower Shoppes)

4pm-10pm

25% goes to Class of 2018

