

**Buchholz High School
School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2022**

Attendance: K. Purvis, J. Wilkinson, A. Krecic, D. Wei, J. Smith, O. Fayiga, M. Jones, D. Boykin, A. Walker, M. Pratto, T. Trueluck, D. Munson, M. DiBernardo, R. McNickle, E. Lathem, and S. Cooney.

Call to Order: 3:32 PM by J. Wilkinson

Adoption of Today's Agenda: Motion by A. Krecic to adopt the agenda, correcting the date for Cap & Gown Pictures to December 8; seconded and carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by D. Wei to approve the minutes from September 6, 2022; seconded and passed.

Old Business:

- Mr. Purvis announced and congratulated Buchholz's Teacher of the Year, Dr. Karen Kearney, and Educational Support Professional, Ms Jamea George.
- Mr. Purvis noted that Cap & Gown Pictures will be taken on December 8.
- Mr. Purvis acknowledged the success of several 2022 Fall sports teams: the two-time State Champion Girls Cross Country team, the back-to-back State Championship semi-finalist Football team, and the State Championship participant Girls Golf team, including a 2nd place individual finish by Bradyn Smith. A. Krecic added that the Boys Golf team advanced to Regional competition for the 2nd year in a row.

Financial Report: Mr. Purvis summarized the fund balances through November 14, 2022.

- AP (ADS): \$287,859.52
- Lottery (LOT) \$20,008.34
- School Recognition Program (SRP): \$462,132.35
- Teacher Lead (TLD): \$2,611.11

New Business:

A. Request of ADS Funds for Robotics – \$1,844.67

Mr. Purvis reported that the Buchholz Robotics Team recently competed in their first state-wide competition. The Team and Staff Sponsors have requested funding to help improve the design and performance of their robot to be more competitive at the state level against schools with full-time robotics programs.

Motion by D. Wei to approve the request of ADS funds of \$1,844.67 by the Buchholz Robotics Team for specified robotics parts; seconded and carried.

B. Request of ADS Funds for Chemistry - \$7,057.10 + shipping costs

Ms. Stephanie Cooney requested funds to restock the chemistry supplies with the purchase of basic lab equipment and materials to replace worn out equipment and expired materials. These purchases will improve lab safety and instructional delivery to students in multiple science classes.

Motion by A. Krecic to approve the request of ADS funds of \$7,057.10 plus the cost of shipping, by Ms. Cooney to restock chemistry equipment and materials; seconded and carried.

During discussion, it was noted that many recently discarded items were decades past their safe and appropriate use. A. Walker asked if SAC should consider establishing a

system of rotating funds annually to ensure that science equipment and materials are kept up to date. SAC may take up this suggestion for future consideration.

- C. Request of ADS Funds for IEP Auditing/Compliance/Training Hours – not to exceed \$5,000.

There has been a significant influx of students with IEPs this school year, which has increased the need for more personnel hours, including training additional personnel for auditing and compliance-related tasks.

Motion by A. Walker to approve the request of ADS funds not to exceed \$5,000 by the administration to supplement staff compensation related to IEP auditing, compliance, and training; seconded and carried.

- D. Request of ADS Funds for additional student chairs – not to exceed \$2,100 for 20 chairs
Additional student chairs are needed to replace broken chairs in student classrooms.

Motion by A. Walker to approve the request of ADS funds not to exceed \$2,100 for the purchase of 20 student chairs; seconded and carried.

Administration Reports:

- A. ½ Cent Funds (50K) Update – Mr. Purvis reported that the remaining \$5,560 of the \$50,000 in Half-Cent Funds allocated to Buchholz for SAC-approved utilization were used for enhancements at the front of the gym. An additional \$5,000 in school funds were used to complete the project.
- B. ACPS Q1 ABC Reports – Mr. Purvis briefly presented the report, which included first-quarter data on attendance, behavior, and core academic performance. Mr. Purvis noted that the biggest challenges are attendance rate and tardy/truancy-related offenses.
- C. Facilities, Safety & Security – Mr. Jones reported that a new storage unit is being installed near the track for the Track & Field teams and HVAC upgrades for Buildings 8 and 9 can be expected in the spring. He also noted that the security gate to the bus loop remains inoperable, pending attention from the District.
- D. Student Services – Mrs. Smith noted that 77% of students with disabilities are in less than one ESE classroom per day; most ESE instruction is occurring in general education classrooms. Periodic mental health and safety information is incorporated into the curriculum during English classes, with advanced notice to parents. Eighty percent of faculty and staff are fully trained in mental health first aid with ongoing training opportunities for the remaining 20%.
- E. Curriculum/Testing – Dr. Pratto reported that restructuring in math and ELA curriculum to include remedial instruction has yielded significant results, with many students in upper grade levels passing assessments required for graduation. A total of 56 Seniors still need to pass at least on required assessment. Preparations are being made for course registration early next year and open houses for Academies and zoned 8th graders in February.

Open Agenda: Public Input – none.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 3:30pm.

Adjournment: O. Fayiga motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:28 PM.

Submitted by:

Annette Krecic

Secretary

Approval Date _____