

## **James S. Rickards Middle School**

### **Welcome**

### **SAC (School Advisory Council) Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2025**

#### **-2023-2024 SAC Committee Officers**

- Mr. Rubinchik and Ms. Fatima DeLeon Co-chairs
- Lisa Smith-Lopez Secretary

#### **-Call to Order**

- A Rickards Middle School Advisory Council meeting was held in person on April 1, 2025. Co-chair, Mr. Rubinchik, called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm.

#### **-Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes will be approved at the next meeting, as we do not have a quorum.

#### **- S.E.S.I.R. – School Environmental Safety Incident Report**

**SAC is responsible for our SIP plan, and this discussion satisfies this responsibility.**

Incidents Reported 08/21/23 – 2/28/2025

Total: 37

-Tobacco – 2

-Fighting- 5

-Unclassified Offenses/OTH Major- 2

- Unsubstantiated Bullying-

-Threat Intimidation- 3

-Alcohol - 3

- Bullying - 2

-Drug possession or Use - 9

-Physical Attack - 9

-Sexual Harassment -

- Weapons Possession -

-Harassment-

### **-Oakland Park Report – Mr. Donnelly**

- Youth Day: The theme for this year's Youth Day Parade and Festival is "Game On", which celebrates the thrill of sports, video games, board games, and playground classics. Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 10 AM. The parade route starts at Jaco Pastorius Park and ends at Wimberly Field.

- Wristbands for Youth Day. Following the parade, the celebration continues at Wimberly Field until 9 PM with Fireworks. There will be words from our city commissioners, carnival rides, and live music. The Concession Stand will be open. Wristbands for the rides may be purchased in advance for \$15 or at the event for \$20. Those can be bought at the North Andrews Gardens Community Center, the Ethel M Gordon Oakland Park Library, and from the Parks and Leisure Services counter at City Hall, until April 11, 2025.

Free Shuttle Service: Operates from City Hall on NE 12th Avenue to Wimberly Field and back from 11:30 AM to 9:30 PM. Parking at Wimberly Field will be limited, so we strongly encourage ridesharing and carpooling via Uber or Lyft.

-Drop Off Old Prescriptions and Papers: It's time to empty the filing cabinets and medicine cabinets. BSO and the City of Oakland Park partnered to host a free drop-off event on Saturday, April 5th, from 10 AM to 1 PM. The location has changed to the BSO District Office next to the Municipal Building at 5399 North Dixie Highway.

-Free Adult Computer Courses: The Ethel M. Gordon Library is offering free courses covering Computer Basics, Microsoft Office, Microsoft Excel, and the World Wide Web. The classes will run on Tuesdays from 4 to 5 PM on the following dates: April 1st, 15th, 29th, May 13th, 27th, and June 10th.

- Taxes Easy: Have your taxes prepared for free through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. IRS-Certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing for qualified individuals at the library through April 8, 2025. REGISTRATION is Required. Call the library at 954-630-4370.

## **-SIP Update – Math**

Math Updates:

-The Math department has started our spiral reviews. Spiral reviews are when teachers review all content from the beginning of the school year to ensure students' memory is refreshed and prepared for testing

-Our district support, Mr. Prisco, has been truly resourceful and has been assisting with Algebra 1 pullouts.

Our goal is to achieve 46 percent proficiency, an increase of 5 points from last year.

## **-Principal's Report – Mr. Gurreonero**

-New initiative: The Miami Sharks rugby team visited us and demonstrated their skills, mentored kids, and visited weekly to show the students the game. Thank you to Weiss, Santiago, and Davis for your support.

-The district chose us to showcase prevention clubs, and Ms. Jossaint was recognized.

-Ms. Leonardi and Commissioner Hepburn were here for a construction update and to expedite the effort.

-It's crunch time. There are 20 days until the PM Tests and EOCs. We have a campaign for parents to get their kids here for testing, and ELO learning opportunities are coming up.

-Accountability Funds \$12,959.08 does not reflect money approved to be allocated.

**The next meeting is on May 6, 2025.**

- **Motion to adjourn.**

- The motion to adjourn by Mr. Peters at 6:31 pm was seconded by Mr. Donnelly and was approved unanimously.

Submitted by,

Name of Recorder: Lisa Smith Lopez

Name of Position on Board: SAC Secretary

Approval Date:

