

James S. Rickards Middle School

Welcome

SAC (School Advisory Council) Meeting Minutes – September 3, 2024

-2022-2023 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 September 3, 2024. Co-chair, Mr. Rubinchik, called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

-Pledge of Allegiance

-BTU Update – Ms. Ellis

The Broward Teacher's Union is not decertified and will not become. Currently, our membership is in good standing.

-Principal's Report – Mr. Gurreonero

-It is week four and the students have been amazing. They have adapted incredibly well to the new phone policy and are adhering to the unified dress code. Without phones, they are talking at lunch and enjoying the communication.

-Open house had a huge turn out and we were pleased.

-Building update: They are about to work on the new roof. Teachers had the amazing opportunity to take a tour of the construction site and were quite impressed.

-FAST PM 1 testing will commence next week.

-Title 1 Public Meeting Update- Ms. Valentino

We are currently developing our School Improvement Plan and will have this completed by October 1, 2024.

- S.E.S.I.R. – School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (will be updated next meeting)

Incidents Reported 08/21/23 – 4/30/2024

Total: 73

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| -Tobacco – 5 | -Alcohol - 1 |
| -Fighting- 28 | - Bullying - 2 |
| -Unclassified Offenses/OTH Major- 4 | -Drug possession or Use - 19 |
| - Unsubstantiated Bullying- | -Physical Attack - 8 |
| -Sexual Harassment - 1 | - Weapons Possession - |
| -Harassment- 1 | -Threat/Intimidation - 4 |
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-City of Oakland Park Update – Mr. Donnelly

-Oakland Park Named Gold Level Water SMART Community for Drowning Prevention

The city placed a special emphasis on drowning prevention and safety in the summer months of 2024. In May, the city joined communities nationwide in proclaiming National Water Safety Month. At the August 7 Commission Meeting, the city of Oakland Park Fire Rescue Department and the Florida Department of Health celebrated the city being named a Gold Water Smart Community. This coalition of leaders, including Oakland Park Fire Rescue, Public Works, and the Broward Sheriff's Office, has been diligently establishing programs to prevent drownings.

-Celebrate National Good Neighbor Day

The city is partnering with Oakland Park neighborhoods and organizations to host a variety of volunteer projects on Saturday September 7th, to celebrate National Good Neighbor Day. Neighbor Day will kick off with refreshments at 8 AM at the North Andrews Gardens Community Center at 250 NE 56th Court. Choose from several projects happening across the city from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Neighbor Day Events include:

39th Street Greenway Clean-up

Gardening Tips at the Harlem McBride Community Garden

Waterway Cleanup

Blood Drive at City Hall

Used Book Sale at the Ethel M Gordon Library

Kiwanis Food Drive at North Andrews Gardens Community

Community Bake Sale at American Legion Post 222

Pioneer House & Museum Project

Broward Animal Care Wellness Clinic at the Jaco Community

Center- Registration is required for the animal clinic: 954 630 4500

For More information, Contact Steven Mattair 954 630 4494

Celebrate National Hispanic Month at Latin Fest on Sept 20th 6 to 10 PM at Jaco Park featuring Gianpaul & Latin Soul Band, a children's activity area, food trucks, and cash Bars.

The next meeting is October 1, 2024.

- **Motion to adjourn.**
 - The motion to adjourn by Ms. Ellis at 7:13 pm and seconded by Mr. Donnelly and was carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Name of Recorder: Lisa Smith Lopez

Name of Position on Board: SAC Secretary

Approval Date: