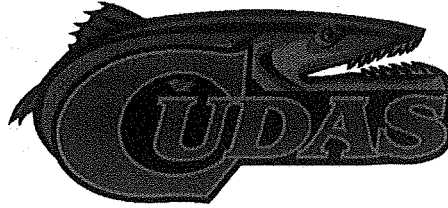


**New Smyrna Beach High School**  
**SAC Agenda**  
**Monday, September 11, 2023**

<b>Welcome and introductions</b>	<b>Mrs. Zona</b>
<b>SAC New Member Appointments</b>	<b>Mrs. Zona</b>
<b>Review and approve May 2023 SAC minutes</b>	<b>Mrs. Zona</b>
<b>2023-2024 SIP Review</b>	<b>Mrs. Everidge</b>
<b>Safety &amp; Security</b>	<b>Mr. Eschen</b>
<b>SAC Budget</b>	<b>Mrs. Zona</b>
<b>SAC Budget Requests (2)</b>	<b>Mrs. Zona</b> <b>Mrs. Hughes</b> <b>Mrs. McDonald</b>
<b>Testing</b>	<b>Mrs. Franklin</b>
<b>District Advisory Council Update</b>	<b>Mrs. Zona</b>
<b>SGA/School news update</b>	<b>Miracle Williams</b>
<b>Principal's report</b>	<b>Mr. Merrick</b>
<b>Discussion/Input</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Mrs. Zona</b>

**Next meeting: October 2, 2023**



## **New Smyrna Beach High School Advisory Council**

### **SAC Minutes**

**Monday, September 11, 2023**

**Attendees:** Samantha Anderson, Karen Andriola, Christine Begley, Corey Davis, Erin DeLosh, Hervey Eisenbach, Jennifer Engler, Erin Everidge, Sheryl Franklin, Geri Fuhr, Gabrielle Hughes, Michelle Lindsey, Angela Maione, Susan Marteeny, Nicole McDonald, Tim Merrick, Amanda Ross, Allison Sharpe, Marie Truesdell, Jenna White, Miracle Williams, Danielle Young, Colleen Zelonka, Susan Zona.

**Welcome:** Welcome by SAC Chairperson Susan Zona. Introduction of attendees. New SAC members were appointed and approved by Mr. Merrick. The May 2023 meeting minutes were looked over and approved.

**Safety/Security Update:** Assistant Principal Brian Eschen gave a remote update on Safety and Security.

- Positive Behavior – working on increasing Attendance, Absences, and Referrals. Last year we improved in all of those areas through initiatives started at New Smyrna Beach High.
- Code of Conduct Changes – Cell Phones – phones cannot be out during class time. If a phone is disruptive, Discipline will hold the phone till the end of the day and if continues, can lead to In School Suspension. Phones cannot be on desktop – must be silenced and out of sight. This includes Smartwatches. Consequences with Vapes and Pens are more serious this year.

- Safety/Security – internal auditing – monthly fire drills/active assailant drills occur monthly. Other drills also occur. These drills are held during alternate periods each month so that students are familiar in all of the different classrooms. Metal detectors are at the football games as this is a District expectation. QUESTION – With the longer lines at the football game, will there be more metal detectors added? ANSWER – We have 2 currently there, we sent a ConnectEd message to arrive 30 minutes earlier. This is mandated by the Superintendent. QUESTION – Staff did great – 1) can we promote on social media and 2) could there be a separate line for students to get them into the game quicker? ANSWER – Try to arrive to the field earlier, wear appropriate items, bags should be about the size of a half sheet of paper. This is still a work in progress. Best recommendation – get there 6:15 – 6:30. You will see metal detectors at Varsity Football and Varsity Basketball games this year.

**2023-2024 School Improvement Plan:** Assistant Principal Erin Everidge presented the 2023-2024 SIP Plan. Went over testing results – do not have a school grade as the state is still looking at data. Discussed our two Area's of Focus – 1) ESSA Subgroup: Students with Disabilities – By February 2024, 44% of SWD will demonstrate proficiency on ELA and Math VBAs. By May 2024, 95% of classroom teachers will provide students standards-aligned tasks as evidenced in walkthroughs. 2) Positive Culture and Environment: Attendance – In 2022-23 SY, we reduced absences by 16%, therefore by continuing initiatives we began and adding more classroom-based PBIS reinforcements, students absences will improve by 8% by May 2024. Mrs. Everidge emphasized the key strategies that we initiated last year – the new attendance policy with Athletics – students are attending, student-athletes are continuing this year with the policy. Have the coaches tutoring their teams, have ESSER money for teachers to offer tutoring, looking closely at PLC notes for struggling students. Also explained the District-led initiative

The Four Look-Fors that Administration would be checking in every classroom.

**Budget Update and Budget Requests:** Budget report reviewed. The budget is still tricky as there were some budget requests that did not spend all of their money and one had a shipping cost added. Mrs. Pearson's request was less than anticipated, Mrs. Lloyd's request had a shipping charge added to it, Mr. Phillip's auditorium/theatre upgrades which was approved did not get County approval as the system was not compatible, Mrs. Hughes did not spend all of her request, Ms. White did not use all of her request, and Ms. Fuhr did not use all – so the new balance was updated. There are two accounts – a District account and an Internal account giving us a total of \$32,344.94. There has not been any word from the state on Teacher Lead money. Heard from Jenna White on the Biology Bootcamp results. They used the money for food as an enticement to get the students to come in and review for the End of Course state test. They concentrate on students who have not done so well in the class and if the students can get a 3 or higher on the state EOC, they will do a grade change. She had 9 out of 12 of her students who achieved a 3 or higher. All 4 Biology teachers had great results. Heard from Geri Fuhr on PBIS and the great results of using positive behavior had on the students. They used the money for Prom tickets, slushies, t-shirts and received community support to send students to Daytona race events, Orlando Magic game, and movie tickets.

Budget Requests – 2 budget requests were presented.

- Gabrielle Hughes presented for Catch and Release Project. Gabrielle Hughes gave information on the Catch and Release Project and how it benefits teachers. Last year, it was a success with 15 teachers participating and visiting 32 classrooms - going into Math, Reading, CTE, Art, English and Social Studies classes. Teachers were able to get new ideas and ways to improve their teaching strategies. outstanding

budget requests. Wants to set it up for the new teachers to allow them the opportunity to see veteran teachers present their content. Teachers will regroup at the end of the day to reflect on the different presentations and ideas presented. QUESTION – Who is chosen to participate? ANSWER – Try to get all of the new teachers but anyone can participate. Had several attendees speak of the benefit of Catch and Release. QUESTION – Is it only 1 time? ANSWER - It is 3 times throughout the year in September, October, and February. QUESTION – How many new teachers? ANSWER – 12. COMMENT – Maybe you should provide food or snacks for the teachers.

SAC Funds APPROVED for \$3,000.

- Nicole McDonald presented a request for Quizizz. Teachers are paying out of their pockets for Quizizz and based on a survey of teachers, a school subscription to Quizizz would benefit the learning environment. The survey had nearly every department and academy express a need for this resource. Presented a letter on behalf of Mrs. Zihal, an ESE self-contained teacher who uses Quizizz. QUESTION – Will there be training? ANSWER - Yes, there is a representative from Quizizz that will come in. QUESTION – Is there a discount for multiple years? ANSWER – Do not know, but can find out.  
SAC Funds APPROVED for \$7,200.

**TESTING:** Testing Coordinator Sheryl Franklin gave an update on upcoming testing. The testing calendar is located on the website. SAT – school wide is October 26. The 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking a computer based PSAT while the 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be taking a paper version SAT test. QUESTION – With seniors, college applications are due in October, is it necessary for them to attend? ANSWER – This is a free test that some students need the concordant score to meet graduation requirements. Colleges will also receive the super score. Progress Monitoring starts this week. This is a 1 day test compared to 3 days of testing. QUESTION – Does

this one count? ANSWER - No, goes towards grade. It is the third progress test that counts. QUESTION – Do they have to take it once they pass it in 10<sup>th</sup> grade? ANSWER – As long as they pass beforehand, they are done? –

**DAC Update:** Did not have anyone present that attended the DAC meeting. DAC minutes were handed out from the September 6, 2023 meeting. Miracle Williams volunteered to be the New Smyrna Beach High DAC representative. She will attend the next DAC meeting Wednesday, October 4 at 5:15 at Deltona High School. COMMENT – Oopsie Project an initiative that was started 3 years ago by a New Smyrna Beach High School student's mom. Anyone interested in helping out with this project visit [www.goodforgirlsinitiative.com](http://www.goodforgirlsinitiative.com)

**SGA Update:** Club Rush was held Wednesday, September 6 during lunch. 11 clubs participated. 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Skit Nite returns – it will be Tuesday, September 26 at 6p.m. in the Auditorium. Free Admission for Skit Nite. Homecoming Dance is Saturday, September 30 in the gym. Tickets are on sale now for \$30. The price will increase to \$40 the week of Homecoming. Working on the Homecoming Pep Rally, Kick-off, and many more events surrounding Homecoming '23. The SGA Class of 23 Seniors donated a bench which arrived for the opening of school. They felt that students waiting outside of school for parent pick-up should have a place to sit.

**Principal's Report:** Mr. Merrick gave us an update on events going on at New Smyrna Beach High.

- Traffic Light – Construction is underway in front of the school, at the entrance, for the installation of a traffic signal. This should be completed by May 2024.
- Statutes
  - Cellphones and Smartwatches– Silenced and in a backpack or teacher provided area (HB 379). Cellphones out on the desk are considered a distraction.

Unisex Restrooms – Two locations on campus accessible to students (HB 1521)

Nicknames – Forms located in the counseling office for pick-up signature and return to counseling office. Nickname field to be activated in FOCUS the week of September 18. Forms may be downloaded and are also located in the Media Center.

- Metal Detectors at Sporting Events - Arrive 30 minutes earlier than normal ideally prior to 6:15 PM. Clear Bag Policy and clutch purses allowed. Metal detectors will be in place for Football and Basketball for now. This is a District mandate and is to ensure the safety of our students, staff, parents, and guests. No outside food or drinks allowed in including personal cups/Yeti's at games.
- Homecoming Dance is scheduled for September 30, in the gymnasium. QUESTION – Will there be metal detectors this year, as they held up the lines last year? ANSWER - The metal detectors were not the problem last year. Last year there were the hurricanes and a volleyball post-season game so with the limited schedule and availability the dance was held in the cafeteria. We didn't adequately review the number of doors to gain entry into the dance. No Middle School students or unapproved guests will be allowed. Guests go through an approval process to guarantee the safety of the students at the dance. We do not allow anyone in the dance.
- Homecoming game scheduled the Friday before, September 29.
- Sports In Season
  - Indoor Volleyball
  - Swimming
  - Cross Country
  - Golf
  - Football
- Teacher of the Year for 2024-2025 is Jeremy Brock

**Discussion/Input:**

When is Open House? Wednesday, September 27, 2023 from 6-7:30. As far as we know, RAPTOR will not be involved in entering the school this year. If anything changes, we will keep you informed.

Is there a date for Graduation yet? So far the District has not informed us of the dates and times for graduation.

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