***UCF MCKNIGHT CENTER OF EXCELLENCE NAS***

 ***GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR***

***March 12th, 2022***

**Current Officers:**

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Zoom Meeting started at 9:05 am by Lorena Roedan

Ice Breaker:

* The meeting was started with an Ice Break surrounding the question “What will you be doing over spring break?” but with students answering only through emojis.
* Some answers included sleeping emojis, sports emojis, food emojis, etc.

Voting for June/July Summer College Tour:

* Options for the vote included Florida International University, Florida Institute of Technology, University of Florida, and Florida A&M University.
* By a good margin, the University of Florida won the vote.
* The tour will be open to 4th through 12th grade for the singular day trip, more details relating to a firm date will come as we get closer to the summer.

Brain Bowl Event Updates:

* For those competing in either the Math of History and Culture Brain Bowl competitions, there will be an Orientation throughout the week for such competitions, with more information about when competing times are within the content in the Orientations.
* Brain Bowl competitions will be held at the Downtown UCF campus for our competing teams. Items like T-Shirts will be given to the competitors on competition day.

Breakout Rooms:

8th - 12th Grade - Team Work

* To start, we did a second ice breaker with students listing their name, grade, and favorite team of any kind. Some chose sports teams or their own school teams they are a part of.
* As a group students talked about their connection to teamwork and what it means to them as well as what the main aspects of teamwork are.
* Answers included collaboration, understanding, synergy, etc.
* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fbE52YDEjU>

We watched some videos on the topic of teamwork, one relating to the topic of a group of Meercats attempting to work together and get their fruit back from a Vulture.

* The video showed that teamwork is a useful process and, while it may not be successful 100% of the time as the video showed us with the Meerkats not getting the fruit back, it does show that teamwork is helpful in getting close to achieving goals.
* Main ideas from the teamwork lesson showed that teamwork is important for the improvement of everyone on the team but it may not bring exact success in the goal, but still push the team forward on getting close to achievements.

Student Group Activity:

* Students were given 15 min to, as a whole group, work together to create a story with a random group of items; Will Smith, a bear, a paperclip, and the gym.
* The students created a 75 word story consisting of the different items, and in doing so they all worked together to bounce ideas off each other and come up with a complete story while doing so.

Upcoming Leader Elections:

* Students can use links provided to run for an NAS Leadership role for the 2022-2023 season.
* Commitment in roles can help one learn through the process in being an NAS leader as well as given other incentives including NAS swag, gear, etc.
* Students are given till April 1st to add their name to the running and an election will be taken place on a future meeting date.
* Available roles include President, Vice President, Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Historian.
* Teamwork Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gIAYvtrQFxI

Student Meeting Ended at 10:30 am.

***Notes submitted by Asst. Secretary: Antonio Ayala***