



Three Oaks Middle School (TOMS)
School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes
May 2016



The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Members Present: Mike Carson, Kelly Lavis, Kelly Powell, Kathy Popple, Bob Scoppettuolo, Debbie Fite, Lillian Rossi, Lindsay Campbell, Carol Mount, Rick Barta, Christy Moore, Judy Behr, Carole Muscat, Jason Laux, and Kevin Mullings

Administrative Update: Mr. Carson reviewed the 2016/2017 school capacity report. The school capacity has now been set at 1008 seats, with 1001 seats occupied. In the regular program, Three Oaks has 850 seats listed in capacity, with 861 seats occupied. Sixth grade is currently 13 over, seventh grade is full, and two seats are available in the 8th grade regular program. In the sixth grade full time gifted program there are 23 seats set as the capacity and 25 students placed which is two over the set capacity. Seventh grade gifted capacity was increased to 44 seats for this past year's sixth grade class, which will be the 2016/2017 seventh grade class. The capacity was increased last year after the student assignment process, so the seats were not filled. There are 44 seventh grade gifted seats available and 30 seats occupied. The remaining seats in the seventh grade gifted classes will be filled with part-time gifted students and advanced students. The eighth grade gifted capacity is set at 22 and is occupied with 23 students. Three Oaks Middle currently has 115 students on the waiting list for sixth grade and 22 on the sixth grade gifted waiting list. The school capacity report also provided capacity and occupancy for students in functional skills, instructional support, social emerging, and social functioning classes.

A parent asked how the potential increase in class size and the decrease in class time (from 75 to 66 minutes per class) will affect the teacher's ability to teach and the quality of education. Mr. Carson shared that Three Oaks will be going to a ten period schedule with five periods each day. Students will have math and English/Language Arts (ELA)/reading everyday. Sixth graders will have an additional reading class that will focus on grammar and vocabulary skills to give these students a jump start in that academic area. Seventh graders will have civics every day to prepare them for the civics End of Course (EOC) exam and eighth graders will have science every day, also to prepare them for the eighth grade EOC science exam.

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Mr. Carson also shared information about the school's FISH capacity. While the state funding has decreased, the school capacity has increased, but available classroom space has remained the same. This could result in class sizes of around 27 students. Three Oaks will try not to have traveling teachers next year, but it may be necessary for a few teachers to travel due to the limited number of available classrooms.

A parent asked what support teachers will have for the increased class sizes. Mr. Carson stated that he is working to get more support from the community. While there is classroom support for classes with students needing behavior support in math, language arts/reading, science, and social studies; Mr. Carson hopes to get additional support for other classes.

The school is hoping to introduce the Leader in Me program next year. The cost of the program would be \$34,000 per year with the focus on Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens. Therefore, the plan is to incorporate a lot of the program's strategies beginning next year. A set of the books has been ordered for the faculty. One of the seven habits, will be covered at each faculty meeting starting at the beginning of next year.

Over the summer the school administration and Mrs. Rossi, our guidance counselor, will be here hand scheduling every Three Oaks Middle student in order to meet their individual academic needs.

Dress Code Review: Mr. Carson provided an overview of the 2016/2017 Three Oaks Middle School Uniform Policy changes. The only changes planned for next school year is that students who wish to wear a shirt under their polo will need to wear a plain white undershirt. The jacket dress code will require plain solid color jackets without any writing on them, such as “JUICY”. Jackets are to be unzipped except when the weather is cold. Students try to wear zipped jackets even when the weather is in the 90’s. Recently, a female student was found wearing only a tube top under her zipped jacket. She had her polo shirt in her book bag. The overall goal for next year is to reduce the number of dress code related discipline issues. There also remains a concern about the girls wearing extremely tight pants. Wearing really tight pants can cause health issues and creates a distraction when the boys make inappropriate remarks about a girl’s physical appearance. It is important for parents to remember that Three Oaks Middle is not just a dress code school, it is a uniform school. Mr. Carson plans to get back in touch with Renegades Uniform store prior to the start of the next school year and also to look into the possibility of purchasing standard uniform jackets to have available for sale. A parent added that too much time is spent shopping for uniform items, that often the girls shorts can only be found online, and that too much class time is spent regarding the dress code. The parent added that additional information as to where to purchase uniform clothing items would be helpful. Mrs. Huber shared that there is a uniform shopping guide in the admin office that is available for parents to view. Mr. Carson added that regarding dress code violations, the school is typically only addressing 10 percent of the population, 90 percent of the time.

District Advisory Council (DAC) Report: Dr. Lavis presented the DAC report. The first DAC meeting of next school year will be held on Tuesday September 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the Lee County Public Education Center (LCPEC) board room. The superintendent will be in attendance. The recent Success in Education community forum was an important event and another forum is being planned. Topics covered at the forum were Lee County Standards for Excellence, Understanding Student Assignment, Chromebooks, and High School 101 – Keys for Success.

The district will not be going forward with the high school in Bonita Springs at the present time. Instead, the district will focus on the new East Zone High School. The land has already been purchased for this school and it will be able to hold 2800 students.

The district is working to recruit new teachers who will stay in education and working to put Lead Teachers, Lead Principals, and Turn Around Principals in failing schools.

Teachers discussed that the real concern in retaining teachers is not salary, but working conditions, job requirements, disrespectful students and unsupporting parents.

Mr. Carson added that Three Oaks has not experienced the same concern with teacher retention during the 2015/2016 school year as was the case the year prior. The school district lost 500 teachers last year. It is believed that teachers are not prepared for the classroom. That more internship time is needed and more classroom management skills are needed. Interns need to get into the classroom earlier and be there longer. Also there needs to be more trianing for the career changers, more mentors, programs to teach culture. One teacher added that the current teacher mentor program was too much work and mostly busy work.

Parent Concerns: A parent inquired as to whether the Chromebooks help behavior this year. Teachers felt that there really wasn’t much change in student behavior. Although, students are refusing directives coming from their teachers more this year. Mr. Carson adding that administrators have been called to the classroom more because students refuse to leave the classroom when asked by the teacher.

Mr. Carson would like to try to get together over the summer to continue the conversations from today’s meeting. Mr. Mullings made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Moore seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Announcement from the Estero Historical Society: July 4th Celebration at The Cottage (Estero Community Park) 10:00 a.m. Saluting the giant flag provided by the Estero Fire Department and reading of the Declaration of Independence. Choral entertainment and refreshments will be served (watermelon, hot dogs, and iced tea). For more information call 239-272-1911

**Next SAC Meeting
Wednesday, August 24, 2016 8:30 a.m.
Three Oaks Middle School Media Center**



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