



THREE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL (TOMS)
School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes
September 28, 2016



Members and Guests Present: Carol Mount, Bob Scoppettuolo, Christy Moore, Kelly Powell, Terry Store, Kathy Popple, Kelly Lavis, Lindsay Campbell, Debbie Fite, Lillian Rossi, Kevin Mullings, Jason Laux, Richard Tanner, Christine Goll, April McGarry, Amy Simeone, Michael Carson, Rick Barta, Belinda Huber

Review of Minutes: The minutes from the August 24, 2016 SAC meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected. Dr. Lavis made the motion to accept the minutes and Lindsay Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

District Advisory Council (DAC) Report: This year's first DAC meeting was an educational forum with five breakout sessions. Dr. Lavis attended the session on safety and security which reviewed concerns regarding school flashing lights and student safety, the role of the School Resource Officers (SROs), and proper school signage.

Business/Community/Parent/Teacher Comments:

The Estero Historical Society has several upcoming events:

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| October 10 | 2 p.m. | Tour guide from ECHO Global Farm will speak about plants cultivated by the Calusa and now used to help small farms worldwide. |
| October 23 | 7 p.m. | Haunted History Tour of downtown Fort Myers. Essay contest finalists get a free ticket. All other tickets are \$14.00. True Tours Company presents authentic history of old buildings, some of which are allegedly haunted. For reservations contact Carol Mount at TOMS at 239-267-5757 or Carolyn Fischer at 239-250-6669 or by e-mail at sunnytraveler12@gmail.com |
| October 29 | 4 – 7 p.m. | Halloween Festival at Koreshan State Park – Opening parade, costume judging, hayrides around historic buildings with a tour guide, games and vendor booths, pumpkin face painting, food carts, and entertainment. (Three Oaks Middle School NJHS members and drama students will provide one or more “vignettes” on the tour of the grounds and lead games at the Historical Society booth). |

The 2017 Estero Historical Society ESSAY CONTEST begins on January 1, with essays due March 15, 2017. In addition to the categories of fourth grade and middle school students there will be a new category: Biographies of local ESTERO Historical figures, the so-called Pioneer Families and Koreshan settlers. This is an additional contest with a prize of \$50 and to be judged in each age category, fourth grade and sixth through eighth grade.

Lee County School District 2017-2018 Calendar Committee Update: Mrs. Debbie Fite serves on the district calendar committee and presented information regarding the 2017-2018 instructional calendar. The calendar is not a lot different than the 2016-2017 calendar with the first day of school for teachers on Thursday, August 3, 2017 and the first day for students on August 10, 2017. Thanksgiving Break will again be Wednesday through Friday, November 22 – 24, 2017. In December 2017, the early dismissal days will be on December 19, 20, and 21. December 21 will be the last day of the first semester. December 22 will be a teacher duty day. Students are scheduled to return from the winter break on January 9, 2018. March 16 will be a teacher duty day and Spring Break will be March 19 – 23, 2018. Memorial Day is May 28, 2018 and the end of the year early dismissal days will be, Friday, May 25 and Tuesday and Wednesday, May 29 and 30, 2018. May 30 will be the last day for students and Thursday, May 31 a teacher duty day. This calendar still need to be approved by the Lee County School Board.

School Improvement Plan (SIP): Christy Moore is working on the SIP this year. The first goal will cover learning gains and the second goal will focus on safety, with increased supervision in the hallways. Teachers are to be in the halls with 100% supervision when students are on campus. Mr. Barta noted that he has already seen a decrease in discipline problems in the hallways this school year. In addition, the school is reviewing the plan for increased student security during lightning delayed dismissals.

Administrative Update: Mr. Carson provided an admin update. Three Oaks Middle School will begin progress monitoring for science and social studies this year and is waiting for additional information from the school district. Our TOMS science and social studies teachers have been putting together something on their own to provide baseline testing in those subject areas. Three Oaks is using STAR for reading and math baseline testing and are trying to make sure students understand the importance of baseline testing. Teachers are working on incentives for students to do a better job on their baseline tests. Students need to understand that the tests are important even when they are not used for a grade as they will affect placement in the future.

Further discussions involved concerns students and parents have when teachers cancel scheduled tests just prior to testing. A suggestion was made that students need to study a little each night to prepare for upcoming testing. Other suggestions were for teachers to provide a data wall so students can see how their progress is compared with other students in the same classroom and also visual incentives for students to see how their class team compares to other classes.

Due to the 5 x 5 block student schedule this year, the honor roll assemblies will be held over a two day period. The first quarter honor roll is scheduled on November 2nd in the afternoon for sixth grade students and on the morning of November 3rd for seventh and eighth graders. The schedule will rotate for the second and third quarter honor rolls.

Kelly Lavis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Next SAC Meeting: October 26, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.



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2016/2017 SAC Meeting Calendar

No Meeting in November or December
January 25, 2017
February 12, 2017
March 22, 2017
April 26, 2017
May 24, 2017



Tentatively, all meetings are scheduled at 8:30 a.m. in the school media center