

# March

**THREE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL (TOMS)**  
School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes  
March 23, 2016



The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

**Members and Guests Present:** Kelly Lavis, Mary Stead, Roger Stead, Lindsay Campbell, Lillian Rossi, Judy Behr, Richard Tanner, Bob Scoppettuolo, Terry Sutton, Carol Mount, Rick Barta, Debbie Fite, Kevin Mullings, April McGarry, Christy Moore, Jason Laux, Carolyn Fischer, Mike Carson, and Belinda Huber

**Review of Minutes:** The minutes from January and February 2016 were reviewed and approved. Motion to accept was made by Kelly Lavis and seconded by Lindsay Campbell.

**Admin Update:** Mr. Carson shared information about the elective leadership class, which will be taught by Mr. Houchin for the remainder of the school year. Mr. Houchin will be teaching the Leader in Me, Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens leadership program. This curriculum teaches students to be proactive, the importance of completing their homework, to be responsible students, and to be responsible for their own actions. The hope is to implement the leadership program school-wide in the future. Three Oaks Middle recently sent two faculty members to visit Leader in Me model schools.

Mr. Barta presented information about the AVID program. AVID stands for **Advancement Via Individual Direction**. Three Oaks Middle is planning to begin implementing the AVID program next year in conjunction with the new leadership curriculum. AVID is for students who need additional support to prepare them for success in high school and who have the goal of going to college. Often these are students who are the first ones in their family to go to college. The program will begin for seventh grade students next year. The Three Oaks AVID site team will be going to a conference in June and will begin the process of implementing the program school-wide. The goal is to teach students skills to learn how to solve their own problems. The plan is also to have mentors in place from Florida Gulf Coast University and Florida Southwestern College.

**District Advisory Council (DAC):** Kelly Lavis provided the DAC report and a handout with information from the District Finance Department. Dr. Lavis shared that Dr. Ami Desamours, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance, has offered to present further information regarding district and school finances at the school locations. Also discussed at DAC was the fact that the Chromebooks were clearly the right choice over laptops for students. They have proven cost effective and the technology can be kept up-to-date. A maintenance plan is in place and thus far, Three Oaks parents have only been charged when damages to a student Chromebook have been deliberate.

Miss Campbell, Math Teacher, stated that she is still attending Chromebook teacher training and the new Go Guardian student monitoring system has proven to be a good asset for teachers to monitor what their students are doing on their computers. Adding that once the students know they are being closely monitored, they stop trying to search for anything inappropriate.

The complete DAC minutes and the 2015-2016 DAC meeting schedule can be found on the School District website at <http://www.leeschools.net/district-advisory-committee>.

**Scheduling Committee:** Dr. Adkins has communicated that it is his priority for teachers to have a planning period every day. While a majority of Three Oaks Middle teachers have expressed that they liked the current Blue/White 4 x 4 schedule because it provides more time with students, a teacher survey has been conducted that shows that the teachers prefer to go to a 5 x 5 schedule where they teach eight out of 10 periods, rather than seven period per day schedule where they teach six periods out of seven. Both schedules provide for a planning period every day. Mrs. Fite has attended the district scheduling meeting earlier in the week and stated that the high schools will all be on the same schedule, but there is some flexibility at the middle level. The committee

recommended either the 8 of 10 or the 6 of 7 schedule. The 4 x 4 block schedule is a money saver as fewer instructional positions are needed. 100% of the faculty at Three Oaks Middle had voted for the 4 x 4 schedule at the time of implementation. It is always Three Oaks goal to look at what is best for the students. Currently the school-wide class size averages are 22.5 for academic classes and 35 for electives. If the school goes to teaching 6 of 7 schedule, without additional funding, the class sizes will become larger and will be out of compliance. Will need to look at quality versus quantity of classroom time. If students are scheduled into math classes every day, and reading or language arts class every day, the students will have only one elective class period. In addition students will only see their science and social studies teachers every other day. The TALC contract language still allows for schools to waiver the everyday planning, but Dr. Adkins has made it his priority to provide teachers with a daily planning period.

**Business/Community/Parent Comments:** Mrs. Fischer from the Estero Historical Society shared information about the upcoming essay reward event scheduled at Three Oaks Middle School on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Light refreshments will be served.

It was noted that the next SAC meeting will be held at the South Regional Library on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Library staff will present information on Library Resources.

Dr. Lavis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Behr seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

**Next SAC Meeting**  
**South Regional Library**



**21100 Three Oaks Parkway**  
**Estero, Florida 33928**

**April 27, 2016**

**5:00 P.M.**



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