

THREE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL (TOMS)

School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes

August 23, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.

Members and Guests Present: Lillian Rossi, Michael Carson, Amy Simeone, Carol Mount, Kelly Lavis, Lindsay Pennington, Bob Scoppettuolo, Richard Tanner, Trent Brown, Amelia Cepeda, Kevin Mullings, Jason Laux, Christine Goll, Cecelia Morales, Allison Garrich

Introductions of SAC members and guests

Administrative Update: Kelly Lavis is retiring as TOMS District Advisory Council (DAC) representative. Three Oaks Middle was an “A” school last year and is classified as a Tier 1 School, which needs minimal support. Classifications are Tier 1 – minimal support, Tier 2 – more support, and Tier 3 – intensive support. The superintendent has lofty goals and wants more schools to achieve “A” school status without the accelerated points. Accelerated points are given for courses in middle school that receive high school credit. 99% of our Algebra students past the End of Course (EOC) Exam last year. And 100% past Mr. Mullings EOC. The state gave us extra points towards our school grade. The Science and Civics FSA scores went up in both subject areas. Our scores were not as high in English and Reading as everyone was on their own last year as far as curriculum. This year the lower end students will have Language Live, similar to a former program that was methodical and utilized an interactive program. Students will be using the Chromebooks for Language Live. In the past, our students enjoyed this type of program and all students will have reading every day this year. Based on a recommendation from the District office, Language Arts and Reading classes are separate classes this year. We would love to hire more teachers and more series, but the funding has not been provided to keep up with the growing population. The next level reading students will be using Inside, and the upper level students will use Expert 21, which is also a great program.

Math has a new academic progression plan this year. Sixth grade students who scored high on their FSA and STAR tests will be taking advanced seventh grade math. This may have an adverse effect on our 6th grade FSA scores in May, but learning gains is what is the most important. 125 of our sixth grade students still take the sixth grade math class and then will be taking pre-algebra in 7th grade.

We have added 3 classes of robotics this year and a STEM program teacher. In addition, we will have a leadership class and now AVID in every grade level. *AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination.*

Three Oaks is adding a new Rotary Club affiliated community club this year and we will be inviting the students who were in the Kids Interact clubs in fifth grade to join.

Discipline Update: Mr. Knecht has been hired into an administrative assistant position and he will be in charge of our new CSI Room (Corrective Strategies and Interventions Room). He is currently working on his dissertation on Restorative Justice Practices and plans to incorporate the restorative justice program in the CSI room.

Uniform Dress Code: Three Oaks Middle is a Uniform School. Teachers need to address this at the first of the school year. Mr. Knecht will be working with the students and parents to address concerns, to give students extra time to get into dress code, and to help them financially as needed.

We would like to welcome two new teachers who are attending SAC today, both were TOMS interns last year and both have been added to our sixth grade staff.

Election of Officers and SAC Membership:

Secretary – Carol Mount nominated by Jason Laux and seconded by Kelly Lavis

SAC Chair - Richard Tanner was elected by Amy Simone and seconded by Chrissy Moore

DAC Rep. – Amelia Cepeda (parent) offered to represent DAC (unopposed)

DAC Alternate – Jim Knecht – nominated by Bob Scoppettuolo and seconded by Kelly Lavis

PTO Representatives – Amy Simeone, (and Christine Goll)

Business Partners – Richard Tanner (Mar-Jay Premium Sales, Inc.) and Christine Goll (Pest Max)

Community Members – Trent Brown (FGCU) and Carolyn Fischer (Estero Historical Society)

Business/Community/Parent/Teacher Comments:

Parent Comments - There is a concern about the generic school supply list published in July is not the same as what the teachers request on their supply lists at the open house or first week of school. Can the school just wait and put out the list at the start of the school year. Concern is that the supply list is requested for the sales tax holiday and is also needed for the annual book back and supplies donations from Summit Church. Next Spring we will work to come up with a Generic Grade Level List. Also the backpacks are heavy, can anything be done to reduce the amount of supplies students need. The large binders are very heavy. If items need to be purchased, but kept at home until needed, that information would be helpful.

Question as to how parents can easily locate all homework assignments.

If you have the internet, students can check Google Classroom and the teacher's website should be used for parents. For parents who do not have internet access, students are also instructed to write their assignments in their agenda books.

Estero Historical Society – Carolyn Fisher presented information about the annual Estero Historical Society Essay contest. The winner will receive \$150.00. This contest is for fourth through eighth grade. Deadline for entries is March 1, 2018. The awards will be in April. Elementary students from Pinewoods, San Carlos, and Three Oaks Elementary schools are all eligible to participate.

Dr. Lavis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

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