



THREE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL (TOMS)
School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes
August 24, 2016



Members and Guests Present: Kelly Lavis, Amy Simeone, Kelly Powell, Christine Goll, Carol Mount, Lindsay Campbell, Bob Scoppettuolo, Lillian Rossi, Belinda Huber, Richard Tanner, Rick Barta, Jason Laux, Mike Carson, Kevin Mullings, April McGarry, Kathy Popple, and Trent Brown

Review of Minutes: The minutes from the May 2016 SAC meeting were reviewed. Kelly Powell made a motion to accept the minutes and Kelly Lavis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Administration Welcome/Review: Mr. Carson welcomed everyone and had all attendees introduce themselves. Mr. Carson introduced the new programs that are being implemented this year at Three Oaks and discussed the concerns regarding the traffic congestion at parent pickup. Three Oaks Middle School enrollment is now over 1000 students.

AVID Program: Assistant Principal, Rick Barta, provided an overview of the Achievement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, which is new to Three Oaks Middle School this year. The AVID program focuses on the students who are in the middle. With a little support and their individual determination, these children can become successful college bound students. The AVID program will be for seventh graders this year. Students were interviewed in sixth grade to be selected for this seventh grade elective class. Students in the AVID program are required to take one advanced level class. Three Oaks will have mentors come into the school to work with these students to help them accomplish their goals.

Leadership Class: Assistant Principal, Belinda Huber, provided information about the new leadership class. The AVID and Leadership classes are both being taught by Michelle Harris. Leadership students are studying the book by Steven Covey, Seven Habits for Highly Effective Teens.

Restorative Justice: Mr. Barta shared that Restorative Justice is a new district initiative that is designed to focus on how a student's inappropriate actions impact others. The program will start small with student conferences and peer conflict circles. Some students may be asked to sign a behavioral contract. The goal is to keep students in the classroom.

Traffic Concerns: With the increased student enrollment and the numerous lightning delayed dismissals this year, there is a concern regarding the traffic congestion in the parent pickup area and on Three Oaks Parkway near the school. The focus is on student safety and the safety of parents as well as everyone traveling in the area. The Department of Transportation has refused numerous requests to put the flashing school sign back up that was taken down several years ago when Three Oaks was widened to four lanes and a traffic light installed at Three Oaks Parkway and San Carlos Blvd. The administration, school staff, community, and parents have been working diligently to address concerns about the traffic and will continue to do so. The speed limit in front of the school needs to be enforced so that parents can get into and out of the pickup area. Parents are encouraged to contact their legislative representatives for assistance with this situation.

Review of SAC Membership Guidelines: Information was provided about the required membership makeup needed to meet Florida Statute 1001.452, which requires that teachers shall be elected by teachers, support employees selected by support employees, and parents elected by parents. Members of the business and community are to be included in the SAC membership. In addition, the membership should represent the ethnic, racial, and economic community served by the school.

Nominations of Official SAC Voting Membership:

Principal: Michael S. Carson

SAC Chair: Richard Tanner

Richard Tanner nominated by Carol Mount, seconded by Kelly Lavis

SAC School Liaison/SIP Writing Team: *Offered to TOMS teachers and Christy Moore has accepted the position*

SAC Secretary: Carol Mount (representing support staff)

SAC Secretary nominated by Kelly Lavis, seconded by Bob Scoppettuolo

PTO and Parent Representative: To be determined at PTO meeting on September 19th.

Teachers (2): Christy Moore is on the School Improvement Plan Writing Team, Mr. Mullings appointed

DAC Rep: Kelly Lavis

Nominated by Carol Mount, seconded by Richard Tanner

Business Members: Richard Tanner, Pepperidge Farm Bread, Terry Sutton, Three Oaks Animal Hospital, and Christine Goll

Community Members: Trent Brown, FGCU, Kelly Lavis, Florida Southwestern, Carolyn Fischer, Estero Historical Society

District Advisory Council (DAC) Report: Dr. Lavis provided an overview of the District Advisory Council, which works in cooperation with the Lee County School Board to gather information and seek input from the schools and the community in an effort to advise the Board and develop recommendations for constant improvement of our educational system.

Business/Community/Parent/Teacher Comments: Dr. Lavis discussed the discontinuation of the TeenBiz Program, which was a great program, however very expensive. Student Lexile scores went up significantly, but the district felt it was cost prohibitive. Mrs. Huber shared that STAR 360 will now be used for math and reading progress monitoring. This program is standards based and provides differentiated instruction. We are also using a new program, Newsela, which provides different stories based on standards, it is similar to Teen Biz, with text based evidence. There are also other programs, like C Palms, that we can be used. The reading department is working to fill the gap and will continue to use the Collections, Language Arts program.

A parent inquired about the use of the Accelerated Reader (AR) program as it has not proven to increase Lexile scores. Mr. Carson shared that AR is used as a reading incentive program to get students to read independently and is considered as a supplement to the reading curriculum.

Mr. Scoppettuolo shared with the council that Three Oaks Middle School's sixth and seventh grade student scores on the Florida Assessment testing last spring were the best in the district and that every eighth grade student who took the algebra end of course (EOC) test passed.



Carol Mount shared that parents can now set up their FOCUS accounts to view their children's grades online. Accounts can be set up by going to either the district or school website and clicking on the [Parent Portal](#), and then [Focus](#), [Opening an Account](#). Once a parent clicks Opening an Account, detailed instructions are available to explain the process. These accounts will then need to be verified with the student mainframe record. (*Verification of new FOCUS accounts are completed daily*).

Focus

 [Opening an Account / Reset Password in Focus](#)

Mr. Scoppettuolo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Lavis seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Next SAC Meeting: September 28, 2016, 8:30 a.m.



School Website:
<http://okm.leeschools.net>

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2016/2017 SAC Meeting Calendar

September 28, 2016
October 26, 2016
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