



THREE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL (TOMS)
School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes
October 26, 2016



Members and Guests Present: Carol Mount, Mary Stead, Bob Scoppettuolo, Christy Moore, Kelly Powell, Kathy Poppo, Kelly Lavis, Lindsay Campbell, Lillian Rossi, Kevin Mullings, Jason Laux, Richard Tanner, Christine Goll, Trent Brown, Carolyn Fischer, Caren Polk, Rick Barta, and Belinda Huber

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

Review of Minutes: The minutes from the September 28, 2016 SAC meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected. Kelly Powell made the motion to accept the minutes and Christy Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Administrative Update: Mrs. Huber and Mr. Barta provided the administrative update. Mr. Barta shared that the afternoon dismissal at parent pickup is much better now that the weather has improved. In addition, the school entrance is now monitored at 3:30 p.m., and all parents are required to come through the parent pickup line. Unless there is an emergency situation, and approval by an administrator, students are no longer being dismissed from the guidance office after 3:30 p.m. This is a directive from the district office. The parent pick up line is now clearing as early as 4:15 p.m. versus the after 5:00 p.m. that was often experienced earlier this year. The administration will continue to monitor the parent pickup process and have made it a priority to provide for a safe parent pickup area. Earlier this year, cones were put out to allow for cars to be able to exit the parking lot more efficiently, however, the sheriff's department and Lee County Department of Transportation (DOT) have told school administrators that cones cannot be placed on the road in front of the school. We have also attempted to have the flashing school zone lights installed in front of the school, but the DOT has also denied that request. The administration is communicating with and redirecting drivers who attempt to bypass those drivers who are waiting patiently in line and would then attempt to enter the parking lot through the exit area. This action was creating a lot of frustration and was a safety hazard for drivers.

Mrs. Huber shared information about the District Compass program. Compass is a resource for teachers that helps students master state standards. It is being used with the STAR math and reading and files into Compass pathways which provides individual educational plans for students to work on mastery of specific state standards. Students can use Compass for 15 minutes every day, or every other day, to work on the standards in areas in which they need to focus. Someone from the district office will be at TOMS next week to provide training for the administration. Staff will then be trained to use Compass to create lesson plans that match standards aligned with the Florida State Assessment tests. There are a lot of fun student activities and it is believed the students will enjoy using the program. Students will be able to see their progress. This program was developed by Lee County educator, Brian Curls, and is free to the district. The school is planning a Parent Compass Information Night, similar to the recent TOMS Algebra Honors Parent Night.

The first quarter honor roll is coming up next week. Mrs. Rossi noted that 535 students have made the honor roll, which is more than half the student body. Due to the later lunch times this year, the honor roll recognition will be held over a two day period, with sixth grade in the afternoon on November 1st and seventh and eighth grade the next morning. This schedule will be rotated.

School Improvement Plan: Mrs. Moore provided an overview of the school improvement plan. The first two goals are mandated by the district and are academic and safety goals. The last two goals were carried over from last year, one goal is to reduce the number of referrals by 2% for students with learning disabilities. The final goal is to increase awareness of safety during parent pick up and drop off.

District Advisory Council (DAC) Report: Dr. Lavis provided the DAC report. She would like to see more people attend these district meetings. These meetings are a great way to find out what is going on in the school district. The next meeting is scheduled on November 16th. There will be a presentation on transportation and student assignment. Following the presentations are breakout sessions where members can share concerns about education issues. The meeting times, minutes, and PowerPoint presentations, can be found on the district website at www.leeschools.net. At the last DAC meeting district and state FSA scores from 2015 were compared to scores for 2016. Lee County ranks 35th in the state. Dr. Adkins Vision 20/20 is to see Lee County School District improve from 35th to 5th in the state. One focus area will be teacher retention.

Business/Community/Parent/Teacher Comments: Mrs. Fischer shared that the Estero Historical Society is sponsoring a Halloween Festival at Koreshan State Park on October 29th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. This is a family friendly event, with games, food vendors, and a hayride and tour of the historic site. Three Oaks Middle School NJHS members will be volunteering at this event.

The 2017 Estero Historical Society ESSAY CONTEST begins on January 1st, with essays due March 15th. 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. The essay contest reception will be on January 11th.

Mrs. Polk from the TOMS PTO provided information about school fundraising. The coupon book sales raised \$1900.00. The next fundraiser will be a read-a-thon. The goal is to have fewer, but more successful, fundraisers. Mrs. Polk thanked the teachers in advance for their support of the PTO events, especially the reading department for their support of the upcoming read-a-thon. The kick-off assembly will be on Friday, November 4th. Prizes will be awarded for top readers.

A parent inquired about the new water bottle policy. Mrs. Huber explained that this year there have been several concerns regarding water bottles, including damage to several Chromebooks, class disruptions with students crinkling their water bottles during class, poking holes in bottles and getting other students wet, and playing the water bottle flip game, which often results in peer conflicts. Students may bring water to school in clear bottles or containers only. Students may drink water between their classes and at lunchtime. Students are to keep their water containers in their back packs at the back of the classroom. Teachers will make exceptions to the water bottle policy for medical reasons and will allow students to get a drink during class when needed.

Mrs. Huber made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Stead seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Next SAC Meeting: January 25, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.



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2016/2017 SAC Meeting Calendar

No Meeting in November or December
January 25, 2017
February 22, 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