

THREE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL (TOMS)

School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes

February 28, 2018



The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m.

Members and Guests Present: Christy Moore, Amelia Cepeda, Lindsay Pennington, Carolyn Fischer, Erin Tucker, Bob Scoppettuolo, Lillian Rossi, Amy Simeone, Richard Tanner, Carol Mount, Rick Barta, and Kevin Mullings

January Minutes were read and approved – motion by Mrs. Tucker and second by Mrs. Pennington

Administrative Update: The intervention sessions for students in the lowest percentiles have begun. The students are very receptive to the small group instruction that focuses on the skills that they are lacking. Mr. Scoppettuolo is meeting with 11 students and making good progress. Mrs. Pennington stated that the students that she is seeing are enthusiastic and doing the work. The next STAR test will be given on Thursday and Friday. Mrs. Rossi commented that there will not be summer school available for these students this year and that many students are now taking math seriously. Data on the intervention program is promising. Some students have been taken out of some of their elective classes. Students are putting more effort into their studies, and once they get their scores up, they will be able to go back to their elective class. The Student Assignment Open House went well with over 400 families in attendance. Student Assignment notifications should go out mid-April.

Dr. Santini has offered for Three Oaks Middle School to be a Cambridge School and more will be known in April or May. The program would be implemented for the 2018-2019 school year.

The first AVID Career Day was held last week. Representatives were here from the areas of child care, FGCU Bio-Medical, Healthy Mind/Healthy Soul, and the FGCU athletic director. AVID is designed to meet the needs of students who have the academic ability but who face barriers such as, social, economic, family situations, or language barriers. Students are selected who have a GPA of 3.0 – 3.5, and score in the mid FSA range. Students also need to be recommended by a teacher. This is a voluntary program and students are required to apply to be considered. AVID classes are available at each grade level.

TOMS took second place for the school booth display at the Southwest Florida Fair. Orchestra recently participated in the annual Music Performance Assessment (MPA), Clydesdales from Whispering Pines visited students in the TOMS Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program. The girl's soccer team won the district championship. It was Ms. Waters first year as the coach and she did a great job. 505 students were honored at the second quarter honor roll. This was quite an accomplishment as student enrollment is at 1040.

Security on campus is continually reviewed. The student sign in and sign out has been moved to the front office. Eighth grade student assistants are picking up students from the classroom and escorting them to the office for dismissal. In the last year, the school upgraded the walkie-talkies and have added a repeater in the middle of the campus. Each pod area now has access to a radio. Security alarm protocol is being reviewed and teachers have received additional training. Plans are to have a drill soon to take place during a class change.

District Advisory Council (DAC) Report: SWOT analysis information was presented, which reviewed the Strengths of teachers and administrators, the Weakness of the current capital funding, the Opportunities of social media and FGCU, and the Threats from the state government. The retired population needs to see the problems that will happen when there is not a connection to education in Lee County.

The middle school DAC session reviewed the traffic concerns on Three Oaks Parkway, and the east and west zones reported that they also have major traffic problems. The heavily traffic is district-wide. Another concern is the busing issues, drivers not showing up, and shortage of substitute drivers. New bus drivers are trained to be able to obtain their commercial driver's license (CDL) and then they leave for higher paid jobs.

Another concern is the need for adequate substitutes and the fact that when teachers retire they cannot work as a substitute teacher for a year due to a Florida Retirement System (FRS) ruling.

The Lee County School Board is not in favor of arming teachers.

Members discussed the Restorative Justice Program that is currently in effect and the Lee County Student Code of Conduct and changes to infractions and consequences. Consequences are now suggested and just to be used as a guide. The goal is to keep students in the classroom, but also need to maintain an environment where everyone in the class can learn. Discipline deals with 10% of the population 90% of the time.

Other concerns were the safety of open campus schools. Dr. Adkins would like to see scan cards for students and wants to have the classroom door locks located on the inside of the classrooms. (TOMS is looking at getting locks for the front doors and parents and guests will need to ring a bell to be admitted). Funding is a problem, a ½ cent sales tax is needed. Safety issues will be reviewed before new building improvements are made. Funding is at 58-60 million/year. Safety money comes from capital funds. School funding messages and the need for the ½ cent sales tax will be going out on social media.

Business/Community/Parent/Teacher Comments: Carolyn Fischer from the Estero Historical Society shared that the Historical Essay Awards will be on April 11, at TOMS.

The May SAC meeting will be held at the Cottage at Estero Community Park and will be hosted by the Estero Historical Society. The meeting on May 23, 2018 will be at 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Stead made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Christy Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

April SAC Meeting April 25, 2018 at 8:30 am at TOMS

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