



THREE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL (TOMS)

School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes

March 28, 2018



The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Members and Guests Present: Richard Tanner, Mary Stead, Rick Barta, Bob Scoppettuolo, Carolyn Fischer, Mel Wagner, Erin Tucker, Christy Moore, Amelia Cepeda, Lillian Rossi, Lindsay Pennington, Kevin Mullings, Christine Goll, Michael Carson, Amy Simeone, and Carol Mount

Administrative Update: Mr. Carson thanked the SAC members for approving the funding for the math intervention program and added that TOMS has seen significant student progress. Overall, student's scores have gone up and several students have been excited that they have brought up their scores and have been able to return to their elective class. Although, some students asked if they could stay in the intervention program.

Sixth grade reading experienced the largest number of students not showing progress. The reading coach and media specialist have been working with this group of students to improve their test scores. The administration is considering a program for next year for students to meet with their reading teacher for a period to receive tutoring or to work on their homework. A large number of students are now so involved in extracurricular activities and along with frequent late buses, students do not always have a lot of time to complete their homework. Would like to add some homework time into the school day next year.

Quarter 1	Student test scores put TOMS as a C school
Quarter 2	TOMS remained as a C school
Quarter 3	TOMS now at B school level – thanks to SAC for the intervention program funding

Seventh grade civics students will begin after school tutoring soon and the administration is working on a plan to improve science scores.

District Advisory Council (DAC) Report: Mrs. Cepeda provided the DAC report. Main topic at DAC was safety and security. Sheriff Scott is hoping to put SROs at every Lee County school next year and two SROs at schools that have over 2000 students. Lee County will need 75 extra deputies for the 2018/2019 school year and currently have officers stopping by school campuses when they are doing paperwork. Dr. Adkins is not in favor of arming teachers. The sheriff's department has the ultimate decision. The school district is looking to have a single point of entry at all schools in the near future and to put a button at the front door and also looking at keyless entry options for teachers. There will be active shooter training for everyone, including bus drivers. The greatest challenge is funding. In 2008, the district had \$2 million available to use for safety and security. In 2018, with 22,000 more students, only 1.6 million was available. There is to be additional funding next year for school safety, but the question is if this is one time funding or recurring funding.

Business/Community/Parent/Teacher Comments: Carolyn Fischer of the Estero Historical Society announced the names of the six essay contest finalists. The award ceremony will be April 11, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Three Oaks Middle School cafeteria. The May 2018 Three Oaks Middle School SAC meeting will be held at the Estero Community Park Historical Cottage. The meeting will be on Wednesday, May 23rd, at 5:15 p.m.

Kaylee Eskilson was the winner of the Voice of the Constitution District Essay contest.

Stephanie Zhao was selected in the All County Orchestra as first chair, second violin. This is quite an accomplishment.

Mrs. Wagner has agreed to serve on the district focus group to work to provide information in the community regarding the ½ cent sales tax initiative to fund public education in Lee County. Three Oaks student enrollment is currently at 1034. Original school capacity was 900.

School Board Member, Chris Patriccia, recently visited the Bella Terra community to discuss Lee County School funding needs and the need for the ½ cent sales tax. This sparked a debate and a push back from retired and even some residents with school-aged children.

A SAC member questioned which test the sixth grade advanced math students will be taking. They will take the seventh grade Florida Standard Assessment (FSA) test. Students will test in the area that they receive instruction.

High school math progression was discussed. Math teachers plan to review basic math skills after the End of course testing (EOCs) are complete.

A concern was brought up regarding students carrying very heavy backpacks and the time it takes to pack and unpack school supplies, along with carrying Chromebooks and lunchboxes. The administration and teachers will look at different options for next school year. Wheeled backpacks are allowed, but many students do not like to use them.

There will be a lock-in for incoming sixth grade and new students next year and a parent information session may be scheduled at the same time. Mrs. Tucker stated that at her former school the student council made a welcome video. This is something that the marketing students at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) might be able to work on for next year. It was also noted that FGCU students have been assisting with the TOMS Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Club.

The April 25, 2018 SAC meeting will be our annual volunteer and business partner appreciation breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the school media center.

The May 23, 2018 SAC meeting will be an off campus meeting at The Cottage at the Estero Community Park at 5:15 p.m. The park is located off Corkscrew Road in Estero.

Mary Stead made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Christy Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.



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