



## THREE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL (TOMS)

School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes

August 22, 2018



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

**Members and Guests Present:** Mike Carson, Lori Reichart, Bob Scoppettuolo, Christy Moore, Lindsay Pennington, Amy Simeone, Trent Brown, Erin Tucker, Lillian Rossi, Adenike Gooden, Amelia Cepeda, Rick Barta, Waldo and Maria Garcia, and Carol Mount

Mr. Carson led today's meeting, as our former SAC chair, Mr. Tanner's child has moved on to high school.

### Introductions of SAC members and guests

**Administrative Update:** Three Oaks Middle School, an A school last year and considered a Tier 1 School, is not under supervision by the State of Florida, but was still required to complete a School Improvement Plan (SIP) this year. Mr. Barta and Mrs. Moore began work on the TOMS SIP over the summer, as the plan was due before school started this year.

District is focusing on the ABC's this year. A for Attendance (both student and staff), B for behavior, and C, for Classroom Success. Three Oaks is using Corrective Strategies and Interventions or CSI for behavior modifications. Beginning last year, we budgeted to put a certified teacher in the CSI room, which resulted in 300 less referrals from 2016-2017 to 2017-2018 school year and a decrease of 2% in out-of-school suspensions.

The largest state testing gains at TOMS for the 2017-2018 school year was the improvement gained by students in the bottom 25%, with an increase shown in student proficiency. There is a need to get the students in level one up to level three, but we now break level one into three buckets, so students can work to meet their improvement goals. Three Oaks uses positive promotions to celebrate student success, such as field day events.

Students take the STAR test at the beginning of the school year to set their AR goal, and have quarterly assessments throughout the year. Last year, TOMS implemented an intervention program where students were pulled from their elective classes to work on math and reading.

The school has an increased number of staff members this year and eleven new teachers. Last year, several teachers left; some retired, others moved to a new location, and one moved to the high school level with her students. Mr. Barta has worked diligently to fill all positions.

While TOMS is an A school, there are still a lot of areas to focus on and we now have entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Village of Estero. Working area business owners who want to be involved, the Village plans to help TOMS implement a Junior Achievement Program. The Village of Estero is also bringing an architect to the school to look at areas to make campus improvements. Mr. Carson would like to see an outside café area.

Our enrollment is almost 1060 now, and the district is making plans to reduce the number of in zone transfers taking place throughout the school year. Mr. Carson has contacted the Student Assignment office to ask them to stop enrolling more students at TOMS. Apparently, that is the price we pay when so many want parents to send their children here. The school is overcrowded and will have three traveling teachers this year. A parent asked about the feedback on passing the ½-cent sales tax. The ½-cent tax would help to provide funds to build another middle school in the area and to increase capital funds for needed improvements to schools; such the much needed roof repairs at TOMS.

The focus at Three Oaks Middle is for students to explore as many different areas during their three years here to figure out a track for high school. This year TOMS has added Codester, a seventh grade computer programming class, another Robotics class, and moved Culinary to the eighth grade. There also limited curriculum resources, which drives which subject areas teachers can teach. With the 5 x 5 schedule, there is a maximum of six exploratory classes, but there is not funding to offer additional exploratory classes.

**Election of Officers and SAC Membership:**

**Secretary** – Carol Mount – nominated to continue in position (unopposed)

**SAC Chair** – Dr. Brown (unopposed) motion by Ms. Cepeda, approved by Mrs. Moore

**DAC Rep.** – Amelia Cepeda (parent) offered to continue to represent DAC (unopposed) motion by Mr. Carson, second by Mrs. Pennington

**DAC Alternate** – Ms. Wagner nominated (unable to attend today's meeting)

**PTO Representatives** – Lori Reichart (need one additional)

**Business Partners** – needed

**Community Members** – needed (Mrs. Fischer from the Estero Historical Society and members from the Village of Estero will be at the September meeting)

**District Advisory Council (DAC) Update:** Mrs. Cepeda presented the DAC Report. The district is hiring a marketing manager to work on the ½-cent sales tax initiative; and will be creating bullet points for parents and the community to see a breakdown of what it will mean if the tax passes and what if it does not. District still has not received funding from FEMA to cover cost of damage from Hurricane Irma. Capital funding covers new facilities and maintenance and improvements, technology, and safety

**Business/Community/Parent/Teacher Comments:** There will be a public meeting on September 5, 2018 at the Dunbar High School Auditorium.

Erin Tucker made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Christy Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.



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