

# THREE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL (TOMS)

School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes

September 26, 2018



The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

**Members and Guests Present:** Nick Batos, Carolyn Fischer, Chris Patricca, Carol Mount, Lori Reichart, Erin Tucker, Trent Brown, Lillian Rossi, Lindsay Pennington, Bob Scoppettuolo, Christy Moore, Shanai Hill, Margarita Lashley, Amelia Cepeda, Amy Simeone

**Approve Minutes:** The minutes were reviewed and approved as corrected.

A motion to approve was made by Lindsay Pennington and seconded by Christy Moore. The minutes were approved.

**Administrative Update:** Mr. Carson presented the administrative update. Mrs. Moore provided an overview of the School Improvement Plan (SIP). The focus this year is on Attendance, Behavior, and Classroom Success. The SIP team is currently working on the objectives and will present them at the next meeting. A math goal will also be added. Mrs. Moore also discussed the MTSS, which is a framework that schools use to provide targeted support to struggling students.

**Village of Estero Memo of Understanding (MOU):** Mr. Batos presented information about the MOU, which is an education initiative between the School District of Lee County, schools serving the Estero community, and the Village of Estero.

The official Memo of Understanding will:

- Create mentoring and tutoring possibilities
- Promote the development of career academies and job skill programs with local businesses
- Encourage student internship programs
- Promote the colocation of future educational and recreational facilities
- Promote coordination and shared financing of infrastructure projects
- Encourage the use of school facilities by Estero residents when not in use by students

The schools that serve the Estero community are Pinewoods, Three Oaks Elementary, Three Oaks Middle, and Estero High School. Three Oaks Middle School will benefit from the new Junior Achievement program, which will teach financial literacy. Businesses will provide internships, become financial partners, and provide input for career academies and job skills programs. The new website for the Village of Estero is [Estero-fl.gov/edu](http://Estero-fl.gov/edu).

**Community Benefits:**

- Facilities for community members
- Sense of community
- Preference for students who want to attend Estero schools
- Increased educational opportunities
- Community-wide enrichment
- Economic benefits
- Systemic collaboration between students, parents, businesses, the Village, and the Lee County School District

Most recently, an engineer and architect made a visit to TOMS to look at the possibility of building a PE Pavilion between the cafeteria and the gym, which could additionally be used as an outdoor lunchroom facility.

**District Advisory Council (DAC) Update:** Mrs. Cepeda presented the DAC Report.

The September 12 DAC meeting focused on the upcoming election on November 6, 2018, and encouraged committee members to become informed on the School Board candidates. Committee members were encouraged to learn more about the district's capital funding challenges. Research shows that education is one of the most important single economic drivers in a community, promoting higher incomes, better jobs, and healthy growth. DAC also had an overview of the school volunteer program.

**Business/Community/Parent/Teacher Comments:** Lee County School Board Member Chris Patriccia provided an overview of the ½-cent sales tax initiative, noting that it will be the last item on the ballot. The district wants voters to support the tax so that funding is available to use for building new schools, school safety, maintenance of schools and technology. Election day is November 6.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m. Motion to approve made by Erin Tucker and seconded by Lindsay Pennington.

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