



THREE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL (TOMS)

School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes

March 27, 2019



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

Members and Guests Present: Kelly Powell, Carol Mount, Lori Reichart, Amelia Cepeda, Lillian Rossi, Bob Scoppettuolo, Lindsay Pennington, Rick Barta, Trent Brown, Amy Simeone, Mike Carson

Administrative Update: Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year is currently at 1097 students and the district is holding a few seats back to allow for the influx of new students. The 2019-2020 budget is tight and the administration is looking at the possibility of going to a six by six block schedule next year. This schedule provides for students to see their core academic classes (math, reading/language arts, science, and social studies) teachers every day. Students will attend their elective classes every other day. This will reduce the number of elective classes, but will cost less. Teachers currently teach four classes (of approximately 25 students) out of the five class periods, which equals 100 students per day. On the six by six block, teachers will teach five classes (of approximately 25 students) out of six class periods, which equals 125 students each day.

The half-cent sales tax, approved last year, has provided funding for improvements to school campuses, but the school district cannot spend capital funds on operational areas. This year, the teacher and support staff unions are trying to get staff raises in order to hire and retain quality staff members. The state needs to provide more funding for education.

During the 2018-2019 school year, Three Oaks Middle School had three traveling teachers and will probably have the same number next year. The school will probably not be able to continue on the five by five block schedule with the current projected budget.

Upcoming Dates:

FSA Writing Test	April 2
Dinner Theatre/Silent Auction	April 4
Eighth Grade Honor Roll	April 16 at 2:30 p.m.
Sixth Grade Honor Roll	April 17 at 9:50 a.m.
Seventh Grade Honor Roll	April 17 at 10:55 a.m.

Community Support:

- Golf cart being donated by local development
- Requesting \$6,000 funding for steel drums from the Village of Estero
- Riverwoods Plantation donating \$500.00 to PE and intramural department for six portable tennis nets

TALC (teachers union) are working on a tentative agreement for a two-year contract. Ratification will be in April and will go to the school board for approval. SPALC (support staff union) is also working on a new agreement.

Discussed possibility of an off campus meeting in April, possibly at the Village of Estero or attendance at a District Advisory Council (DAC) meeting. Previously end of year SAC meetings have been held at FGCU, South Regional Library, and the Estero Historical Society Cottage at Estero Community Park.

Approve Minutes: The February minutes were reviewed and approved, with a motion by Lindsay Pennington to approve and second by Lori Reichart.

District Advisory Council (DAC) Report: Mrs. Cepeda provided the DAC report. Main topic at DAC was affordable housing for teachers. Many felt the answer is simply to give teachers a raise. Other topics included providing for school safety and security and receiving help from local law enforcement agencies. The Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program was discussed with the need to offer more inclusion programs for ESE students with deficits. This year the Best Buddies Program was added to provide students from the general education (Gen.Ed.) to assist with the Special Olympics (adaptive sports program). Sadly, the U.S. Secretary of Education, recently cut 50 million dollars from Special Olympics programs and wants to fund more charter schools.

Business/Community/Parent/Teacher Comments: Former TOMS SAC member, Mrs. Kelly Powell, shared with the council that she is very excited that her fifth grade son will attend Three Oaks Middle School next year. She also complimented Coach Cline and LeBeau on the great effort put into coaching the 100 plus students on the TOMS track team this year.

Mr. Carson shared that Three Oaks Middle School was the number one selected middle school in the South Zone.

Lindsay Pennington made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Lori Reichart seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.



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