

THREE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL (TOMS) School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes

April 24, 2019



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

Members and Guests Present: Mary Stead, Kelly Powell, Lori Reichart, Mike Carson, Carol Mount, Bob Scoppettuolo, Lillian Rossi, Amy Simeone, Lindsay Pennington, Rick Barta, and Belinda Huber

Approve Minutes: The March minutes were reviewed and approved as corrected. Motion made by Kelly Powell to approve and seconded by Lori Reichart.

Administrative Update: SAC Chair, Mr. Trent Brown, was unable to attend today's meeting. Mr. Carson served the role as chair. The teacher's contract has been approved by TALC. It is a two-year contract. The contract still needs to be approved by the school board.

The enrollment for 2019-2020 is 1095 students. Three Oaks Middle School (TOMS) will be going to a six by six block schedule. Students will see their core academic teachers every day and elective teachers every other day. Even going to this new schedule, Three Oaks had to release two teachers due to the budget and teacher certification areas needed. Schools are seeing increased enrollment, however the state government is not supporting public education with more funding going toward charter schools. The district office has worked hard on the budget for 2019-2020 school year with reduced staff at the district office. Teacher salaries in Florida remain near the bottom. There is a need to support funding for teacher pay in order to hire and retain the best teachers.

There will be three teachers per grade level for each of the core academic areas: language arts/reading, math, science, and social studies. Students scoring at levels one and two will have language arts, reading, and an additional intensive reading class that will use the Language Live program. The six by six block schedule will provide for an elective class for every student. TOMS is at maximum capacity and the PE locker rooms and cafeteria are overcrowded. The district budget office has provided funding for TOMS to have an additional guidance counselor for the 2019-2020 school year. The administration is always here to provide for the best security and education for students.

The Village of Estero's Shadow Wood Preserve recently donated a used golf cart to be used by the TOMS maintenance department. This gas-powered cart is valued at \$3,000. The school has also made a \$6,000 funding request for steel drums from The Village of Estero. The Village has also provided community mentors for the school's AVID program. TOMS is very grateful for the partnership agreement with the Village of Estero.

The custodial crew has been working hard to keep the campus clean with our building supervisor out on an extended medical leave.

Reading FSA will be next week on Wednesday and Thursday. Math will be the following week. On the day of the FSA Writes test, only 12 students were absent. A reward incentive will be offered again for good student attendance and effort on the reading and math tests.

Student Dress Code was relaxed somewhat during the 2018-2019 school year, with less emphasis on the uniform bottoms fabric and the relaxing of the length of shorts from "to the knee" to "no shorter two to three inches above the knee". After discussion, plans are to stay the course with the current student dress code for 2019-2020.

District Advisory Council (DAC) Report: The DAC report is available on the district website at https://www.leeschools.net/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=16773136

The next District Advisory Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. In lieu of a May SAC meeting, school advisory council members are encouraged to attend the May DAC meeting.

Business/Community/Parent/Teacher Comments: None

Mary Stead made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Amy Simeone seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.



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