



THREE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL (TOMS) School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes January 22, 2020



The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members and Guests Present: Lori Reichart, Mary Stead, Mike Carson, Gloria Toro, Bob Scoppettuolo, Rick Barta, Michelle Kaczmarek, Lillian Rossi, Christy Moore, Lindsay Pennington, Belinda Huber, Kelly Powell, Debbie Fite, Edward Lorenzini, and Amelia Cepeda

Approve Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and approved. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Carol Mount and seconded by Bob Scoppettuolo.

Administrative Update: Mr. Carson provided the Admin Update and the School Improvement Plan Midyear Review. Teachers and the administrative team have been reviewing student academic progress. The question has come up of how to keep students motivated. Kids don't generally put effort into testing that doesn't count. The SAC members discussed different ways to motivate students to put forth more effort on the STAR testing. Parents need to know where and when to look for their child's STAR scores. Some of the suggestions were to have a motivational speaker, to provide treats at lunchtime that other students would observe, and to include test taking strategies in homework assignments to reduce anxiety over testing. Mr. Carson plans to take this conversation to the school leadership team.

SAC Funds – The balance in the TOMS school improvement funds account is \$6,883.50. The state has specific rules as to how this funding can be used and the funds need to be tied to the school improvement goals.

Mid-year Review:

Attendance Goal – attendance was at 94% for Quarter 1. The goal is to improve to 97% and stay at the top of the attendance chart for Lee County middle schools

Behavior Aspect – referrals are down from last year with 78 fewer referrals to date and a reduced number of out-of-school suspensions. This results in students spending more time in class.

Academic Goals – progress monitoring is ongoing

School Update: Repairs are scheduled for the air conditioning system's chill water tower.

Family and Community Involvement Award – We are waiting to receive information regarding the family and community involvement award. Looking for SAC members input as to who should be nominated. Suggestions were Jamie Lienhardt-Engle from Rotary South, who leads the Three Oaks Middle School Interact Club. The Three Oaks Middle School Scholar's Club was also suggested for their work collecting socks for the Homeless Coalition last fall and gift cards and food for needy families during the holidays.

District Advisory Council (DAC) Update: Mrs. Powell provided the DAC update from the November and January meetings. A Capital Projects update was provided at the January meeting.

DAC minutes are available on the district website at https://www.leeschools.net/leadership/school_board/advisory_committee_information/district_advisory_council

Updates on the Change for Change Initiative and the use of the sales tax funding can be found on the district website at https://www.leeschools.net/our_district/change_for_change/projected_projects

Students are receiving instruction through Edgenuity to meet the new state mandate for mental health curriculum. Curriculum is being taught during science classes for sixth and seventh grade students and in the U.S. History class for eighth grade students. District website for Mental Health and Wellness Portal: <https://www.leeschools.net/cms/one.aspx?portalId=676305&pageId=26082163>

Business/Community/Parent/Teacher Comments: The Student Enrollment Open House is scheduled tomorrow, January 23rd and the second quarter honor will be on February 5th for sixth and seventh grade and February 6th for eighth grade. 445 students will be recognized.

Mary Stead made a motion to be adjourned and Lindsay Pennington seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

