

THREE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL (TOMS)

School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes October 28, 2020



Members Present: Mason Clark, Bob Scoppettuolo, Christy Moore, Carol Mount, Gloria Toro, Trent Brown, Mary Stead, Shanai Hill, Edward Lorenzini, Victoria Frehe-Torres, Kristine Philippine, Samantha Shanblatt, Shanai Hill, Monica Philipps, and Jeff Bronson

Guests: Lindsey Roache and Rick Barta

The meeting was called to order at 8:48 a.m.

Review of SAC Minutes: The September minutes were reviewed. Ms. Moore made the motion to approve and Ms. Hill seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Admin Update: Dr. Clark presented the administrative update. For the beginning of quarter two, Three Oaks Middle will have 183 students returning for face-to-face (F2F) learning from Lee Home Connect (LHC) and Lee Virtual School (LVS) and two students moving from F2F to LHC. An additional six students are currently on the waitlist to return to F2F classes. A virtual open house for students returning will be held on October 29.

The safety committee reviewed the school's current one-way hallway plan and had the option to move back to two-way hallways, but have decided to stay with the current safety plan. Students have been doing a good job following Covid safety protocol. The school has had two cases of Covid since school began on August 31. There have been four students quarantined due to outside exposures. There has been no transmission of Covid at the school. The teachers are doing an awesome job with classroom and lunch seating charts for contact tracing if needed.

Staff, student, and parent surveys have been sent out to check on how everyone is feeling at TOMS. The survey includes questions about feeling respected, cared for, stress levels, and whether students are involved in school programs. Dr. Frehe-Torres is working to encourage Hispanic parents to become more involved. The survey involving student dress code indicated that most students do not like the dress code, but 62% of parents support the dress code.

Tennis tryouts begin next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. LHC students may participate in intramural sports, however the school is not able to provide transportation for the LHC students.

Nomination and approval of SAC community members: Dr. Clark made the motion to nominate Monica Philipps and Melissa Cavazos as community members. Mr. Lorenzini seconded the motion. Both were approved as new community members.

Review of SAC bylaws: SAC bylaws were reviewed and suggestions made for changes. (see the Recommended Updates to Bylaws document for details)

Ms. Stead made a motion to approve the bylaw changes. Mr. Lorenzini seconded the motion, Discussion regarding whether wording should be changed from the student council president to a student council representative. Dr. Clark will research this further. This motion was tabled to the November meeting,

The next scheduled SAC meeting is on Wednesday, November 18 and will be a joint faculty and SAC meeting in the school cafeteria or via Zoom. SAC will begin at 8:30 a.m. and teachers will join the group at 8:45 a.m.

DAC Report: Ms. Hill provided the September 30, 2020 DAC report. Dr. Adkins addressed the council at the September meeting. It was noted that there may be a discrepancy between the state reporting of school Covid case numbers as the state is reporting face-to-face and virtual cases and the schools are only reporting face-to-face cases.

On September 30, Phase 3 of the state's reopening plan went into effect and since that date more students are wanting to return to face-to-face learning. This will reduce the opportunity for social distancing in the school. The increase in numbers of students on campus could also result in more students needing to quarantine. The next DAC meeting is scheduled for this evening, October 28. DAC is requesting more input from parents.

Discussion: Parents did not feel that using the Google Classroom was a primary issue, but internet problems were of a greater concern. There was also frustration expressed with regards to students being knocked off of their Zoom meeting and then having to wait to be readmitted. Parent's internet bandwidths, Chromebook limitations, and connectivity concerns were all discussed. One consideration is to take a look at the hardware. The technology limitations do make it challenging for teachers and parents. One other concern was students being marked absent when they have actually experienced problems with their technology. There is a need to help students with their connectivity problems. Parents may also need more tech help. One final issue was a student getting pop-up advertising. This can happen when a student is not using a District issued Chromebook.

Mr. Lorenzini made a motion to end the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kristin

Phillipine. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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