



THREE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL (TOMS)

School Advisory Council (SAC) Minutes

Zoom Meeting
October 5, 2021



Members Present: Mason Clark, Edward Lorenzini, Robert Scoppettuolo, Trent Brown, Christy Moore, Shanai Hill, Mary Stead, Victoria Frehe-Torres, Carol Mount, Monica Phillips and Jeff Bronson

Guests: Lindsey Roache and Rick Barta

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

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed. Mary Stead mad a motion to approve the minutes. Robert Scoppettuolo seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Admin Report: Dr. Clark provided the admin report with a review of the Spring FSA results. There was a concern about the drop in our scores, but this is due to the number of students quarantined during 2020-2021. Compared to scores statewide, TOMS is doing well. What we lost in the 6th grade math scores, we gained back in the 8th grade math scores.

A member asked what impact would there be with lack of student data when the FSA becomes extinct. Dr. Clark stated that there will be one more year of FSA. If the scores counted last year, our grade would have been a B, but given the length of the pandemic, lots of schools in the state will have a lower grade. There were many days during 2020-2021 where there were 200 or more students absent.

Discussion was held regarding how Algebra students are being placed, how students are doing this year, and how grades will be used.

There is no information yet this year regarding the status of the Five Star School Recognition Program or the Florida School Recognition Program which provides bonuses for teachers and staff members.

A parent asked if there will be a DUKE Talent Identification Program (TIP) this year. Dr. Clark had not heard from Duke. Ms. Stead stated that she had read where the program ended.

SAC Membership Update: Three new parent SAC members were approved via e-mail. There are two new para support staff members that are interested in serving on SAC. Adding two support staff members does not make the district employees on SAC exceed the 50% rule. SAC members voted to accept both new support staff members

DAC Report: There was not a SAC member at the last DAC meeting, but the meeting can be seen by accessing the District Website. For the next meeting in October, Mr. Lorenzini can attend a portion of the meeting and Ms. Hill will be able to attend the November meeting.

Comments:

A parent member inquired about the recent threatening email received from a student and expressed a concern about a lack of communication from the school. It was noted that the student spent a night in juvenile detention. How can we prevent or handle situations like this better? Dr. Clark responded stating that the TOMS staff handled the situation perfectly and immediately, keeping the campus safe. It is important to note that the student was not on campus and it was determined from the start that the campus was safe. The SRO then followed up on the situation and the student was arrested. The student's parent felt strongly that the student did not make the threat. Administration reviewed the laptop history and determined that the threat had not come from the student's laptop. At the same time, students should not say that they did something that they did not do.

The situation at TOMS was completely different than the recent threat at Harns Marsh Middle School. The news media needed to come forth with a faster retraction of the event at TOMS, that the student arrested did not make the threat, nor did it come from the student's family. The community lost an educational moment to teach students that they should not cover for the actions of another student. Dr. Clark stated that he did receive a lot of supportive comments for this student and his family and is thankful that this was not a security issue for TOMS.

The next SAC meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom. A link will be sent prior to the meeting.

Mary Stead made a motion to end the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lorenzini. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.



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