



Parkway Middle School of the Arts

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School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2018

6:30PM Media Center

❖ Call to order @ 6:31pm

❖ Old Business

- November 2018 Minutes – Minutes approved – Motion by Terry-Ann, seconded by Ms. Hoffman
- SAF Designee – Jill Hoffman

❖ New Business

- Science Presentation -
 - Science scores increased this year to 47 from 42, We are trying to get back up to above 50.
 - Putting an emphasis on Study Island.
 - Challenges with the science test are that students do not test yearly; they only test in 5th and 8th grade.
 - Test is accumulative on 6th, 7th and 8th grade material. This leads to a large amount of remediation by 8th grade.
 - Remediation starts around April on Earth Science and Life science. Study Island helps with remediation because it has all the content available.
 - Previous to Study Island our scores had dropped and since using Study Island we have seen growth with our students. Now we are starting with elementary content and working up.
 - Science dollars are an incentive to improve studying. Students would be asked pop-quiz questions in the hall or anywhere, if

correct they get a science dollar. Dollars can be used for a grade or extra credit opportunities.

- Study island subscription is Annual and is costly. We have Study Island for the remainder of this year. Last year SAC purchased it and we may request for SAC to purchase again this year.
- Afterschool tutoring – ramping up more in 3rd and 4th quarter.
- We are pushing 6th and 7th grade students to try and work on information retention and for students to take classes seriously in preparation for the 8th grade test.
- GEARS- accelerated science program. This is our 3rd year with GEARS. In the past they would cram 3 years of science into their 6th grade year and then in 7th grade they would take environmental science and in 8th grade they would have High school physical science. This district revised it because it is too much for 1 year. Curriculum has changed into 2 years of GEARS in a spiraling curriculum during 6th and 7th grade, and in 8th grade Students take High School physical science allowing them to get a high school credit. Since there is no EOC students will take the 8th grade science test.
- Are there any science tutoring programs? No
 - To prepare for the Science test 8th grade students go through a rotation between teachers. Each teacher focuses on one subject. Ms. Dixon teaches/ remediates the Life Science. Ms. Frelove teaches/ remediates Earth Science. Mr. Clark teaches/ remediates the Physical Science. Ms. Williams teaches/ remediates the Nature of Science.
 - After the rotations we do pull outs with our “bubble kids”, students that are almost at a level 3, and work in small groups.
 - Students that are level 4 and 5 we use to help tutor the other students. This helps both groups of students, it pushed the level 4 and 5 students to have a deep understanding the information in order to teach it.
- Not sure when study island expires, maybe in May or June 2019



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- Parkway science scores have been higher than ELA scores over the past few years, last year only .
 - To help ELA:
 - NewsELA – uses articles to help with vocabulary and comprehensive skills.
 - Teachers also use hands on projects and lab to reinforce content.
 - Science and ELA teachers meeting opportunities are there based on the way the schedule is set.
- ❖ **Title 1 Information**
- Title 1 is hosting monthly parent training Dec. 20th form 7pm to 8:30 pm on harvesting exceptional writing.
- ❖ **Adjourned:**
- Terry-Ann made a motion to adjourned at 7:31, Ms. Jill Hoffman second. Meeting adjourned at 7:31

Next SAC Meeting Scheduled: January 9, 2019 6:30 PM in the Media Center