Beachside Montessori Village

School Advisory Council Meeting

October 10, 2018 Meeting 2

The SAC meeting was held on October 10 at Beachside Montessori Village in the Media Center. SAC Chair, Ms. Dolan, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions

Ms. Dolan called the meeting to order and introduced Mrs. Cidoni to discuss literacy and the ways parents can assist their children to become better readers.

Presentation

Parent University-Literacy Training presented by Mrs. Cidoni, Literacy Coach.

Discussion followed.

 $\underline{\text{New Business-}} \text{Ms. Dolan will email the previous month's minutes prior to SAC meeting, with the next SAC meeting date.}$

An actual motion should be part of the minutes.

Old Business

Mrs. Dolan motioned to approve the September minutes.

Mrs. Garber had a question regarding the activity fee for Lions Paw, after care, which was voted on at September meeting. She thought parents were being charged two activity fees. Mrs. Roberts was able to show Mrs. Garber that we are indeed only charging one activity fee.

Mr. Kobrin was inquiring why the Lions Paw price has increased this year, especially the new charge for pre k. Mrs. Roberts explained that the prices are set via the county. We are allowed to charge up to \$18.00 per session for the activity fee but we are only charging \$10.00. Mr. T happened to walk in during this discussion. He explained that the pre k fee is based on the number of minutes that the students are in Lions Paw. Since pre-k students get out of school at 3:15 p.m., they arrive to Lions Paw earlier than the older students so their fee is a bit higher.

Ms. Dolan made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Liebowitz seconded. All were in favor.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Roberts

Safety and Security update- Ms. Dolan was interviewed by a safety team provided by the county. They asked her about four different scenarios and what she would do in each situation. How safe does she feel at Beachside. Kate was also interviewed.

High School night will be November 7 for 8th grade students/parents to inform them on magnet school options in Broward County. Ms. Liebowitz will be there to advise students about college.

Eighth graders will take the PSAT on November 16. Beachside is one of five middle schools in Broward County offering it to their students.

Middle school students are forgetting to wear ID's. Mrs. Roberts explained to SAC that, like many other Broward schools, we are looking into charging upper school students a \$5.00 obligation fee for a new ID badge if they do not have theirs. BMV purchased an ID badge maker so that students who forget or lose their ID badges can get a new one on the spot. This is for the safety of our students. Although we do not need a vote for this, Mrs. Roberts asked SAC what their thoughts were on charging \$5.00.

Many parents were in agreement that students need to be held accountable and that charging an obligation fee would help them to remember to wear them. Currently, lunch detentions are given out to upper school students who are not wearing their badges. This is becoming out of hand. We are hoping this new process will help.

Mr. Kobrin was worried that some parents may not be able to afford the obligations and suggested that the students who forget their badge read to younger classes as their consequence. Mrs. Roberts doesn't feel that reading should be a punishment. We also spoke about possible after-school detentions. This, however, is not possible, as we do not have staff to cover. Students relying on the bus to go home would also make this untenable. Mrs. Jacobowitz mentioned possible outside organizations that could help if a parent is unable to cover the obligation fees.

Superintendent Runcie sent out a report providing new ways to report suspicious activity. A hard copy was handed out.

Mrs. Duffy represents the Booster Club- She announced an adult only mixer fundraiser to support BMV Lions Athletic Booster Club. It will take place on November 8 at The Muse from 6:00-8:00pm.

SAF chair- Ms. Kim does not have anything new to report. Her next meeting is October 24.

Aimee Dolan

Ruth Ferner