

Coral Springs Middle School School Advisory Council

Minutes

January 23, 2019

5:00 PM

Media Center

1. Call meeting to order (5:02 PM)
2. Motion to approve Minutes from previous meeting by B. Dollins, K. Nelson seconded
3. Department Reports
 - a. Guidance – Beaney
 - a. Today was our first day of BSA testing. It was the first time using this platform (Canvas).
 - b. The Writing FSA is the first test coming up on April 2nd.
 - c. EOY field trips are earlier this year so as to not interfere with testing.
 - d. SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) the Promise Club (based on the Sandy Hook Promise Program) is planning some activities (how to use social media appropriately).
 - e. Guidance is looking into using Virtual Counselor for scheduling instead of course cards.
 - b. Math – Byrd
 - a. Academic interventions have begun using The Algebra Nation workbook.
 - b. Math Counts February 2nd.
 - c. BCCTM March 9th.
 - c. Science – Dollins
 - a. We have a new interim science teacher named Ms. Raquel Creque.
 - b. Robotics competition at Pembroke Pines Charter is on Saturday, January 26th.
 - c. February 14th Peace Day – Science classes will be doing a lesson on upcycling and water consumption and students will be making water bottle flowers.
 - d. Mr. Robbins and Ms. Dollins went to another training (grant through Microsoft) to learn how to code microbits (circuits).
 - d. Social Studies – Opthof
 - a. It is our honor to announce that this year we will be represented by nine students from Dr. Reynolds World History Class in Broward County's History Day on February 22, 2019 at Pompano Beach High School. This year's theme is Triumph and Tragedy. The following are who will be representing us:
 - i. Individual Exhibit – Jakob Lusskin "Oskar Schindler"
 - ii. Group Exhibit – Lucas Hodney "Life of Elie Wiesel"
 - iii. Group Performance – Hailey Rose, Hailey Wilson and Riley McCleary "Helen Keller"
 - iv. Research Paper - Shreyan Singha "Charles Lindbergh"
 - v. Group Website – Dev Anand and Justn Wu "Attack on Pearl Harbor"
 - b. JA Field Trip
 - i. We taught the financial literacy lessons relating to: budgeting, taxation, opportunity costs, and long-term financial planning prior to the JA field trips. At the JA site at Broward College, the students participated in a simulation where they had to properly budget for a month's expenses/bills. Parent/Volunteer chaperones facilitated the experience by supervising "store-fronts" and helping the students make prudent financial decisions. Students routinely express appreciation for their parents/guardians after completing the simulation and seeing how much thought, planning, and effort go into providing them the standard of living that they enjoy.
 - c. Mr. Ambrose
 - i. At the end of the second quarter we welcomed our new U.S. History teacher, Mr. Ambrose. He comes to us with six years' experience and a strong foundation and knowledge of the curriculum. He has adjusted nicely and is a great addition to our department.

- d. Mrs. Abdalla
 - i. She welcomed her new baby girl over the winter break. In her place we have Mrs. Miller; who is well known and respected by our students and staff. We expect Mrs. Abdalla back before the end of the school year.
 - e. February 14th, Commemoration Activity
 - i. The social studies department has decided to create a Unity Flower. Each teacher will ask their students to trace their hand on a sheet of paper. Students will then cut out, decorate and write a message of inspiration or a best wish for someone in need. Each hand will represent a pedal for the flower symbolizing that together we can overcome just about anything.
 - e. Literacy – DeStefano
 - a. For Literacy week, we are having two contests. A door decorating contest and a book mark contest.
 - b. Each grade level will be doing different activities for our Peace Day activities.
 - f. Electives – Levinsky
 - a. Drama
 - i. Drama club will be competing at the Jr Thespian State Festival in Orlando Florida on February 2, 2018. students competing in six different events including two solo musicals, one make-up design, one costume design, a duet musical, and a large group musical number that earned a perfect score at the district festival.
 - ii. Auditions for the spring performance of The Lion King Jr start February 4th. Details will be announced at drama club meetings.
 - iii. Drama club, class, and yearbook will make our annual pilgrimage to the Renaissance Festival this month. We are in need of Chaperones. Please email Ms Thomas if you are interested.
 - iv. We are also in need of "unique" donations as we begin creating props and costumes for The Lion King. Please consider sending in old towels, sheets or and any extra fabric, hay and straw (old luau decor) and beads (especially wooden macramé beads).
 - b. Peer Counseling
 - i. Peer Counselors will participate in the Martin L. King Leadership and Diversity Day on Monday, January 21st at NW Regional Library.
 - ii. Peer Counselors have a scheduled field trip to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Ft. Lauderdale on Feb. 5th to view the "Weight of Word" performed by Nova High School Drama Dept.
 - c. Art
 - i. Two students won the martin Luther art contest and the ceremony was on January 17th. Artwork is still being displayed at the Coral Springs Center of Arts.
 - ii. Art students are also entering the Doodle 4 Google Contest. This year's theme is "When I grow up, I hope..." This year's prize will be scholarship money for college and money for the winners' school... also a chance to display their drawing on the actual google website.
 - d. Yearbook
 - i. Yearbook sales have begun and yearbook staff will begin advertising next week. Prices will be \$42.00 from now until March 2nd. After March 2nd, prices will increase to \$47.00. All sales information will be sent out via paper, school website and ParentLink later this week.
 - e. Talent Show
 - i. Talent Show tryouts are Friday, February 8th after school and the Talent Show is Thursday, March 7th at 7 PM.
 - f. Debate
 - i. The Coral Springs Middle School "Stallion Showcase Showdown" middle school debate invitational will be on January 26th, 2019.
 - g. ESLS – Lopez
 - a. We have begun the process of hosting our ESE meet and greet event.
 - b. We have applied for a grant that focuses on English Language Learners.
4. Safety/Discipline/Attendance Report – Argent
- a. Discipline

- a. 6th grade
 - i. 43 total
 - ii. 14 – unruly/disruptive behavior
 - iii. 12 – fight/minor altercation
- b. 7th grade
 - i. 63 total
 - ii. 13 – disobedience/insubordination
 - iii. 24 – unruly/disruptive behavior
- c. 8th grade
 - i. 40 total
 - ii. 11 – disobedience/insubordination
 - iii. 13 – unruly/disruptive behavior
- b. Attendance
 - a. Absences
 - i. 838 total absences
 - ii. 420 unexcused absence
 - b. Tardies
 - i. 232 total tardies
- 5. Partners Report – Nelson
 - a. New Business Partners
 - a. Priority Medical & Rehab Centers
107788 Wiles Road
 - b. Coral Dental Specialist
11332 Wiles Road
 - c. Currently We are working with Steve Rossi Attorney and Superhero Swim
 - d. We will be inviting our partners to the Curriculum Night and Elective Fair.
- 6. Title I Report – Nelson
 - a. We will be having our parent committee meeting on Tuesday, February 5th to work on four vital parts of Title I.
 - a. The SIP Plan with Title I Addendum. We will be meeting to give parents input and suggestions for next school year's plan. What we come up with at the February 5th meeting, I will bring to the next SAC meeting for discussion and approval.
 - b. We will look at the Parent Engagement Plan for the next school year. What activities we would like to keep, what to change or add.
 - c. We will be looking at the Parent Involvement Allocation. This will be to discuss how the set aside funds will be used, any changes, additions, etc.
 - d. The committee will look at the School-Parent Compact and if there should be any changes, additions/deletions.
 - b. We are in the process of having parental input for Title I. It is a Title I Annual Evaluation. I will send home copies through the students 6th period classes. These can be returned to the counseling office. There is also an online survey that I will be uploading to the home page of the Coral Springs Middle School website. It will be called "The Annual Title I Evaluation Survey." Please take an opportunity to complete this so we know how we are doing. The results from this survey will be used to make changes as needed.
- 7. PTA – Lev
 - a. February 14th Day of Peace
 - a. We have been meeting with Mrs. La Rosa so we can purchase any items needed. Lots of orders have been placed.
 - b. The neon fun run that took place last year has been canceled for this year because it was not profitable.
 - c. We will be purchasing 60 Stop the Bleed kits so we can have one in every classroom.
 - d. Valentine's Day sales will not be taking place on the 14th out of respect. There will be sales leading up to the day but just not on the day of.
 - e. We received \$520.00 from our box top collections.
- 8. Principal's Report – Sara La Rosa
 - a. Stop the Bleed kits will be placed throughout the school. We are purchasing an additional 12 on top of the 60 PTA has purchased.
 - b. Administration is appreciative of the community support for our school.

- c. Curriculum Night will take place on February 28th to inform potential students about all the programs CSMS has to offer.
 - d. Stallion Round Up was a huge success.
 - e. We have again received the 5-Star Award and we are very proud about that.
 - f. Our commemoration on February 14th has been very well-thought out.
 - a. Any student absent on 2/14 and 2/15 will automatically be excused.
9. Next SAC meeting is 2/6/19 at 8 AM
10. Motion to adjourn by B. Dollins; seconded by D. Destefano.