

**Coral Springs Middle School
School Advisory Council
March 20, 2019
Media Center 8:00am**

1. Called to order at
Approval of minutes from February 20, 2019 SAC meeting Motion to approve by Kelli Nelson and seconded by Betty Opthof

2. Department Reports
 - a. Guidance – Beaney
 - b. Math – Dr. Byrd
 - a. Collaborative visits have focused on Math
 - b. Algebra & Geometry camps will be after school
 - c. FSA Camps Wednesday afterschool

 - c. Science –
 - a. EOC Camps will be April in the AM
 - b. Doing the unit Roller Coasters for physics
 - d. Social Studies:
 - a. The Civics EOC is set of May 15th. EOC Camp will be held on May 6th, 7th and 8th from 4-5:15PM. We will be discussing and review four main testing strategies:
 - Historical Excerpt Reading Strategies
 - Analyzing Political Cartoons
 - Reading and Interpreting Graphs, Diagrams and Charts
 - Test Question Deconstruction
 - b. **GI-GO Fund**: Social studies signed up to help our Veterans through the **Jeans for Troops program**. We pledged to donate \$5.00 each to help Veterans and will all wear jeans in honor of our Veterans on Thursday, May 23
 - e. Literacy - DeStefano
 - a. Writing Camp is underway, two more sessions left
 - Writing test is after Spring Break on April 2nd (sixth grade is paper-based while 7th and 8th are digital)
 - b. Reading Camp is coming on Tuesdays in April, beginning April 9th
 - ELA teachers were given an introductory professional development session to Accelerated Reader and can start using it now. AR will allow us to have a true form of accountability for the various books our students read independently as well as allow us to have school-wide reading incentives and programs to promote reading.

 - f. Electives – Levinsky

- a. Art: Pateria Thomas and Grace Shoukry won this year's PEACE Poster Contest. Their winning artwork has been selected to be used for the 2019-2020 Choose Peace Campaign
 - b. District World Languages Competition took place on Saturday, March 16th. Gaby Greenwald received a third place medal in the poster competition and Ariella Edrich received a fourth place ribbon. In the project competition, Gaby Greenwald received a first place medal, and Erin Love and Jennifer Baksh received second place medals.
 - c. Band: This past Friday, our band program achieved couple of big milestones: Our intermediate band received straight A's in all categories, at the district music performance assessment. This is probably the first time an intermediate band has accomplished this at CSMS since the 90's. Our advanced band also received straight superior ratings, with straight A's in all categories, at the same event. This is our 5th year in a row receiving a superior rating. This has now qualified our school for a special award given to bands who receive superior ratings 5 years in a row. In addition, our jazz band has also become eligible to receive the special award given to jazz and who receive a superior rating for 5 consecutive years.
 - d. Talent show – April 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria \$5.00/ticket sold during lunches.
 - g. ESLS – Lopez
 - a. Meet and Greet April 27th, course offerings
 - b. Gifted high school matriculation meetings will be April 30 and May 2nd. Need 2 meetings now as the number of gifted kids have doubled in the last 2 years
3. Business Partners – Nelson
- a. We will be working with our business partners for teacher appreciation week. If you know anyone willing to donate, please let me know.
 - b. No new partners for this month to report.
4. Title I – Nelson
- a. The parent committee has been working on developing, evaluating and revising the Title I Addendum, School-Parent Compacts and Parent and Family engagement plan for the 2019-2020 school year. As part of the team analyzing the forms, input was given by those in attendance, or via email/phone contact, along with the Parent Engagement Survey results and through our discussions as we reviewed the documents. The parents gave input and each idea was discussed and contemplated with the committee to address student achievement. The suggestions made to improve the documents were based upon the Parent Engagement Survey results, typos that were found and ways to improve communication for parents to help their students. Our meetings were February 6th and March 5th. At our meeting, we determined to look at three positive areas to celebrate and look at 2 areas where we need to improve on.

Areas of strength:

- 97% of those surveyed felt CSMS is willing to communicate with them
- 91.2% feel the information they receive from CSMS is easy to understand
- 91% of those surveyed feel welcomed at the school

Areas of concern/improvement

- 41% of those surveyed feel they are not informed about what is used to determine whether their child moves to the next grade or repeats the same grade.
- 44.1% of those surveyed said they received materials to help them work with their child to do better in school

- b. For the PFEP, it was decided to keep the afterschool engagement activities as it was thought the ones for this year were effective and worthwhile. Those activities would include, Stallion Stampede, SMART Parents, Curriculum Night and the Annual Title I Meeting and Open House. If all looks good, we will vote and sign it into acceptance for next school year.

Gave SAC time to look over: 2 typos were noted and changed. Along with the survey results to communicate with parents about grades and expectations, it was suggested to develop and and post a tutorial for Pinnacle, how to use Pinnacle and the grading expectations, grade progression or grade retention. Ms. Lev suggested With those changes the counsel voted with all ayes and no nays.

- c. Title I Addendum: Utilizing the survey results, the committee placed into the addendum that more information on student retention and advancement would be placed on the website as well as information sent home to parents and placed in the Title I Newsletter.

It was voted on and approved for the next school year.

- d. School-Parent Compacts: Due to time, we will vote on approval of the compact next SAC meeting.
- e. The Title I Committee will have a final meeting Thursday, April 11th at 4:30 pm. If you would like to be a part of this, please contact Kelli Nelson.

5. PTA and SAF Report – Lev

- a. PTA sales and fundraisers are going well.
- b. Between April 3-4, items will be delivered from Scholastic. Set up then sales.
- c. Week of the 8th, the book sale will start
- d. Shirts from PTA will be in the week students are on spring break

6. Principal's Report – La Rosa
 - a. May 9th at 2:30-Memorial for MSD/CSMS students, parents will be invited
 - b. Mailer to the families were read and will be sent out
 - c. Band-Received superiors
 - d. Robotics
 - e. Debate Team is going to Nationals in Dallas this summer
 - f. Honor Roll went well and we will continue with the current format
 - g. Writing Camp-New time it is now in the morning. Attendance is higher and the level of kids seems to be more “mixed”
 - h. Sports: Our sports teams are all doing well and we have made it to districts
 - i. BSA is a mid-year predictor and when looking at those results, our scores are higher than they were last year so we are working to get
 - j. Teacher Appreciation will be the 13th-17th of May.
 - k. 8th graders will be receiving “Save-the-Date” reminders for all of their end of the year events.
 - l. Barnes and Noble Night went well with high attendance last night.
 - m. Scheduling will be done differently next year and the students will do their course card and sit down one day for each grade and meet with a counselor to input their schedule and course choices.
7. Motion to adjourn @ 8:56 am by Vanessa Lopez, seconded by Kelli Nelson