

Coral Springs Middle School School Advisory Council

Minutes

October 3, 2018

8:00 AM

Media Center

1. Call meeting to order (8:06 AM)
2. Motion to approve Minutes from previous meeting by B. Dollins, N. Beaney seconded
3. Department Reports
 - a. Guidance – Beaney
 - a. Last week was "Say Hello" week
 - b. Testing schedule is generally pushed back this year (later testing dates).
 - b. Math – Byrd
 - a. We are reshaping our instructional approach to mathematics this year
 - b. A little less than half of the math department is comprised of new teachers
 - c. We are pushing for a stronger focus on the standards rather than relying on the textbook
 - c. Science – Dollins
 - a. eCybermission competition has begun
 - b. Robotics/Coding field trip to STEM day with the Florida Panthers is November 14th
 - c. Textbook adoption
 - i. Teachers are training on the new material called "STEM Scopes"
 - ii. Kits and materials came after planning week so Ms. La Rosa is looking into professional development days for science teachers to go through the materials
 - d. Robotics is doing very well
 - i. Snow cone sales (robotics fundraiser) are selling out regularly.
 - d. Social Studies – Opthof
 - a. 6th grade World History Course
 - i. District pushing for more skills based course (identifying primary v. secondary sources, reading and writing strategies, Timelines (w. spatial focus)
 - ii. Teachers trained in Canvas course w. Ms. Marsala and Ms. Dirito
 - iii. 2nd training (individualized and tailored to their teaching style 10/11)
 - b. Vertical Planning
 - i. 6-8 First Tuesday of every month we meet to discuss and share needs for the next grade levels
 - ii. Mr. Dombkowski reports students are able to identify Roman Numerals
 - iii. Ms. Fronrath aligned her world history lesson with the DOI (excerpts from primary source)
 - c. Literacy Program
 - i. work with ELA
 - d. Civics CFA
 - i. #1 scores reflect that 81% of students for all three teachers are between bubble and mastery range
 - e. Literacy – DeStefano
 - a. We have a couple of new teachers in the department.
 - b. Annual Coral Springs MLK competition is underway.
 - c. October is Fire Prevention Month and there is a writing competition for this.
 - d. FAIR testing is underway.
 - e. First CFA is underway as well – Key Ideas and Details.
 - f. Electives – Levinsky
 - a. Art classes recently entered the National School Lunch Poster Contest to promote healthy school lunch. 1st place winners had their poster sent downtown to be judged against other schools. The 8th grade art students are getting ready for PEACE WEEK contest on Oct 11th.

- b. Spanish club meets Mondays from 4:00 to 4:30 in room 531. We will stay until 4:45 starting October 15th. We have begun to prepare for the District World Languages Competition that will be held in April.
 - c. We are excited to have Ms. Ramirez as our new PE coach
 - d. Drama Club is registering for the District Competition on November 10 at JP Taravella High School. The kids are very excited and we even have some first time performers.
 - e. Speech and Debate
 - i. 1st competition of the year, was Thursday 9/20. 14 out 18 students medaled.
 - ii. Pooja Gudoor, Ivy Lam, Kate Becker, and Jada Lemy for Declamation
 - iii. Aisha Hashmi-Dramatic Interpretation
 - iv. Eva Forrest and Michael Sorenson, and Antonia Milosevich and Hannah Thomas for Duo Interpretation
 - v. Benjamin Tichauer and Cassidy Tarr -Original Oratory
 - vi. Kyra Jallali and Preston Mash -Public Forum Debate
 - vii. Maya Gordon-Prose
 - viii. Next competition 10/3, about 36 students will be competing.
 - f. Band - This week Pepperoni Grill is donating 20 percent of their proceeds to our band program. If you eat there from today until Sunday please let them know you are with the band. It can be dine-in, carryout, or delivery. We will not get credit if you don't let them know you are with us. Fall Concert is Tuesday, October 30th @ 7PM in the cafeteria featuring our beginning band, symphonic band, wind ensemble, orchestra, and jazz band.
4. Safety/Discipline Report – Argent
 - a. More security has been hired
 - b. On-site BCPS trainings are having to park on the west side of campus
 - c. Before/After Care have more campus monitors
 - d. We're working with Community School on utilizing the Single Point of Entry
 - e. All coaches, clubs, etc. have been asked to walk their entire group as one to exit by the front office so the campus remains secure even after school hours
 5. Title One – Nelson
 - a. The School-Parent compact was handed out September 21, 2018 through the students' 6th period classes. Teachers are in the process of getting the few left that are still out and making contact home to get them. The compact discusses the importance of the partnership between school and home.
 - b. The Parent and Family Engagement Plan will be disseminated through the students 6th period class on October 26th. It can also be found on the school website under the Title I heading under "Parent and Family Engagement Plan." You will also find the SIP plan and SPAR.
 - c. We are revamping our website for better communication and you can find monthly Title I newsletters, Title I events and other Title I information that will be updated weekly.
 6. SAF Report – Lubarsky
 - a. The CSMS Book Fair brought in over \$5,000.00 in sales
 - b. PTA has requested department-based wish lists
 7. Principal's Report – Sara La Rosa
 8. Motion to adjourn by B. Dollins; seconded by K. Nelson