SAC Minutes – August 22, 2018

Meeting called to order at 3:00 P.M. by Chair, Mike Levinson

I. May Minutes

Guest Speaker: Laurie Rich Levinson, School board Member-District 6

Ms. Levinson brought us up to date on Broward County's successes noting that last year was one of the best years academically, having the highest graduation rates. The 3rd grade reading scores were some of the highest in years and we are closing the achievement gap. We have the largest debate program in the U.S., and it's now in every high school and middle school in the district.

We are going to continue to expand the robotics programs in our schools; Indian Ridge Middle now has a Robotics Elective.

She also provided an update on the Bond money, for instance:

Safety Protocol: Single Point of Entry is in design and will be completed by the 1st quarter of 2019. Fire sprinklers, alarms, and roofs are being replaced where needed. there is at least one security staffer per school, and here at Western, the town of Davie is going to give us two SROs.

School Improvements: Athletic tracks and weight rooms are being updated. 50,000 musical instruments have been delivered to schools. Western High School specifically is designing culinary and STEM labs as well as Media Center improvements.

She reminded us to turn the ballot over to vote on the 1/2 mil referendum on the back of the ballot. The referendum, if passed, will be effective for four years and has to be renewed after four years.

II. Budget Report – Mike Levinson

Approximate Current Balance - \$101.96. We will have between \$15,000 - \$16,000 allocation for this year.

III. Principal's Report

- A. School Safety Protocol: This year we have begun to implement the "Single Point of Entry" design where doors and gates are locked and entry is strictly through the front office.
- B. All staff and students will wear ID badges on lanyards at all times, and we have started taking pictures on Friday for those students missing them, and will be handing out all student IDs and lanyards tomorrow. Students not wearing IDs will face a \$5.00 fine
- C. Athletic Events: No one will be able to enter athletic events with bags or backpacks, and there will be no re-entry to football games and no initial entry after the 3rd quarter
- D. We have installed additional security cameras and staff to monitor them
- E. VAPE devices are a problem on the rise and students caught with the apparatus that includes THC face an automatic felony and expulsion from school.
- F. We have currently enrolled almost 150 students over original projections and we stand today at 3,400 students. We have teacher openings for Chemistry, Engineering, ESE, SVE, as well as two paraprofessionals.

IV. Funding Requests

No funding requests at this time

A. There are two meeting dates that had to be changed due to schools being closed, so we will meet September 12th and November 14th 2018.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Brenda Fischer, seconded by Ms. Keen. All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 3:55 P.M.