

SAC MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

(Amended March 2019)

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Beitz at 8:15 AM.

A motion to approve the minutes for the May SAC meeting was made by Mr. Harms and second by Ms. Manning. It was approved unanimously.

SIP – Mrs. Nissen spoke on the progress of the School Improvement Plan. The Leadership Team is working on the scores from last year to determine the goals and strategies for this year. The plan includes many different areas of focus. Mrs. Beitz and Mrs. Nissen are attending a meeting on Friday and will report out at the October meeting. The Department Heads will give reports on their subject areas' progress towards the School Improvement Plan strategies.

ESOL Clerical, Marilu Calderon – It was proposed to have Ms. Calderon approved as ESOL clerical to be funded with \$9,000 of Accountability funds. The essential responsibilities have been listed on the back of today's (Wednesday, 09/12/18) SAC agenda.

A motion to approve the proposal for ESOL clerical was made by Mr. Harms and second by Ms. Ibarra. The motion was then approved unanimously.

Departments:

Science – Ms. Swinerton - All grade levels have administered a pre-test to help inform instruction as we go through the year. We have three new teachers for 2018-2019. Francisco Alvarez 8th grade, Stephen Shamoun 6th grade and Erin Magee 6th and 8th grade.

Electives – Ms. Sikorski - In support of our school improvement plan the elective classes have been working on and learning about climate, weather, active storms, banking skills, writing checks, balancing a checkbook, school lunch poster contests, statewide visual arts competition, nutrition, google slide, how to register a domain name, basic vocal techniques, basic dance steps, beginning to learn how to play an instrument, symphonic band, and technology.

In Peer Counseling we have been training in SEL and going into the classrooms working 1 on 1 with students tutoring, redirecting, translating and helping students to be successful in the classroom.

Sandy Hook Promise Program called Start with Hello will be rolled out by October 17th.

ESE- Mr. Cunningham - The ESE department is supporting our goals on the school improvement plan through our implementation of a push in model, where ESE support facilitators are scheduled in certain classrooms (particularly reading and math) to help support goals, provide on the spot remediation, and help with ensuring accommodations are being given appropriately.

Literacy- Mrs. Manning - The literacy department looks forward to a new year! Over this past summer, our school was registered with the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge. Students from our feeder schools as well as current students were able to read for pleasure and log in the minutes read throughout the summer. Tequesta Trace registered 269,673

minutes including 190 students that read over 100 minutes! We will find out in 2 weeks our position in the state rankings. In addition, our top 15 students will receive \$10 gift cards to our next Book Fair. All students that read over 100 minutes will receive certificates.

Results from the 2018 FSA ELA were released during the summer. Parent reports have been sent home to our 7th and 8th graders. Once we receive all feeder school parent reports, we will send the reports home with our current 6th graders.

As a school, our ELA Achievement remained the same as the previous year which was 78%. We did drop slightly in our ELA Learning Gains as well as our lowest 25% Learning Gains. For this reason, plans are in place which will be shared in the next SAC meetings to meet our continuous improvement model of student achievement. One of the first initiatives is to provide training for our SS department called "Cross Cutting Curriculum- Literacy and Social Studies". On October 9th, all SS teachers will participate in an in-house district training in which they will learn more strategies of teaching reading and writing skills using their social studies content and curriculum. Also, our school has purchased the Achieve 3000 program for our Intensive Reading classes as a part of meeting the needs of the lowest 25% students.

ELA Professional Learning Communities are implementing standards-based lessons as they begin a new year. Teachers meet weekly in small common groups to discuss student achievement and lesson planning.

Finally, competitions will take place throughout the school year including the World Languages district competition and the Literary Fair. We suggest that parents and stakeholders monitor our school web page for further information.

ESOL- Ms. Franco - Good Morning, Buenos Dias, Guten Morgen,

This year we have students from 10 different countries and in my classes I currently have 5 different languages. The Students are all settling into their new school environment well. They are very busy learning about life in the United States and how the school system operates here. It has been wonderful this year having the students grouped by their grade levels. Because of this, I have been able to attend different PLC's to find out what the core classes are working on so that Ms. Giraldo and I can help front load the vocabulary and some of the stories. This greatly helps the students as they can then have a better understanding of the material and they don't have to mentally try to translate and try to keep up with the teacher at the same time. I have gone to all grade levels of language arts and am currently attending the social studies PLCs to see how we can help there also.

Yesterday I received an e-mail that we are invited to participate in the CANA tutoring for the ESOL students again this year. This is an afterschool program where the ESOL students get extra help with their homework and studies.

I am thrilled to announce that Mrs. Giraldo has won the non-instructional employee of the year for Tequesta Trace. I am TTMS ESOL.

Media - Mrs. Dillmeier – Library Remodeling Committee met with the vendor JC White to select the colors for our collaboration tables, café bar and the chairs.

Media Aides designed a "Banned Book Week" display for students. As classes came through for orientation we discussed Intellectual Freedom and censorship.

PTA is hosting the Scholastic Book Fair is early this year Sept 24-28. Second fair is scheduled for Dec. 10-14 and our BOGO fair will be during the week of May 20-24.

Social Studies – Mr. Devant - 6th grade started the year discussing prehistory hunter gathers agricultural revolution then move on to how civilizations began next week will be start Mesopotamia Egypt and Israelites.

7th grade began the year discussing citizenship and the different forms of governments. Next, we will be moving on to the Colonies and the Declaration of Independence.

8th grade began the year discussing the First Americans then the Explorers next they will delve into JA Finance for their visit to JA World where students are involved in a simulation about real life. Paying bills: for example, buying a car a home electricity and everyday life.

The History Fair will be started this month with in 7th and 8th grade classes the theme is Triumph and Tragedy in History.

Math-Mrs. Cordoves - I want to begin this year's meeting with the results of last year's Math FSA and a comparison to the previous year's scores.

Overall, as a school, we performed well enough to maintain our "A" grade. We scored higher than the district average for all 3 reporting categories, which are: Number of students scoring a level 3 or higher, Number of students who showed a learning gain, and number of students in the lowest 25th percentile who showed a learning gain. Although we are proud of our students' effort in maintaining our "A", we know that there is room to grow and are concerned that we did not reach our goals for improvement, as stated in last year's School Improvement Plan.

If you recall, last year I mentioned that our biggest areas of weakness, across grade levels were the standards dealing with Geometry, and Expressions and Equations. Our overall school score in those areas went from 49% to 46% of students showing mastery in Geometry, and 58% to 56% of students showing mastery in Expressions and Equations.

The individual grade-level scores were as follow. In 2017, 53% of our 7th graders showed mastery Geometry standards. This year's FSA showed 51% of our 7th graders showing mastery. Our 8th grade percentage went from a 37% in 2017 to a 31%. Our 6th grade students did show some improvement in this category, going from 52% mastery to 53% mastery.

In the category of Expressions and Equations (our second area of weakness), our 7th graders went from 57% of students showing mastery of the skill in 2017 to 50% mastery this past year. 8th grade students went from 45% in 2017 to 44% showing mastery in 2018. Eight graders did however, show improvement in our 3rd area of weakness, "Functions" they went from 45% to 49% of students showing mastery of those skills.

Our Math teachers, of course, are meeting in their PLC groups and discussing ideas, best practices, new resources, smaller benchmark assessments, and new remediation strategies that can be implemented this year as we continue to work towards our goal of improving student achievement in all areas. We will also be working on new ways to track student progress and helping our students take more ownership of their learning and tracking the standards they feel is the weakest area for them. Hopefully this will encourage them to make use of resources like our Wednesday morning PAL tutoring, extra practice and review offered on USA test prep and HRW.com, as well as Khan Academy and Canvas resources.

SAF was called to order at 8:45.

SAF – Ms Fortich was not present.

SAF was adjourned at 8:46.

SAC was re-opened at 8:46.

PTA - Cristina Yanes reported Clara Rapp as new PTA President and Catalina Fortich as new PTA/SAF/SAC Chair representative. TTMS Fun Zone is the new Cougar Challenge. It will take place November 2nd during 5th and 6th

periods. 8th graders will be allowed to participate approximately 20 minutes before the rest of the school as an incentive. The event is a fair like environment. Volunteers and students will be wearing assigned t-shirts; red for volunteers and black for students who have met minimum requirements. Fun Zone funds raised will be used towards Media Center and other academic enhancements. Welcoming committee was introduced, and the program is now up and running. They meet the last Friday of every month in the Media Center at 8:30 AM to welcome new families. Flyers have been given to our ESOL teacher, Ms Franco, Ms. Matos the Registrar and have been placed in the Cougar's Den.

BTU - Mrs. Passman - BTU Stewards have been busy answering member questions and conducting various elections. Results of the Teacher Of The Year and School Related Employee Of The Year Elections were:

Scot Piglia as our Teacher Of The Year and Margaret Giraldo as our School Related Employee Of The Year. This Thursday, Sept. 13, an election will be held for an MOU developed by BTU in conjunction with the District to increase the number of sick days allowed this school year for anyone that --was connected to and qualifies based on documentation and criteria with the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas incident. The election will be conducted by BTU Stewards at TTMS for our EP and ESP bargaining units.

** Ms. Beitz announced that the Yearbook has a "secret" theme this year. We have returned to previous yearbook vendor because they have a new program.

Student Council shirts are on sale "Cougars Rock".

Business Partner Update – Huntington has an adult reading program that is held every summer. This summer was pirate themed and over 400 books were read. If teacher have referred both adults and young adults "thank you". Always looking for certified teachers especially during summer. Huntington stated that they will help TTMS with anything we need all we need to do is ask. Have PTA get in touch with Huntington.

A new partner was introduced, Eric LaGuardia, Assistant Manager for Weston Mathnasium. Mr. LaGuardia stated that Mathnasium offers tailor made curriculum with half hour of instruction and half hour of homework help.

Future Business – No future business discussed.

SAC was adjourned at 8:53.

9-12-18 SAC meeting

8:15 AM

Maritza Calderon - does a lot.
\$9,000 accountability -
all duties listed on back of agenda
we approved last yr.

Motion to approved.

Bob Harms 1st

Berra 2nd

Passed unanimously to have Ms. Calderon as ESOL clinical
Mathnasium new partner/member.

Eric LaGuardia - Asst. Manager. Weston

Tailormade curriculum - 1/2 hour 1/2 hour homework

Huntington:

Rebecca — new manager introduced

Bob Harms.

Leadership met 9-11-18

- school improvement plan -

addresses home - school

social emotional.

weakness - attempt to do 2 goals

last year vs what need work this yr.

DEVELOPING SCHOOL IMPROV. PLAN

Bylaws 2018-2019 ~~was~~ same / no change

Mr. Harms approves 1st motion

Ms. Sikorsky 2nd

} approved
unanimously

Department Heads :

Cunningham:

ESE support goals (Ask Cunn. for notes)
There to help.

School improv. plan Beitz Social Studies

Oct. 1 JA World, 8th grade.

Manning - Literacy

FSA - ELA > 7-8 grade results in
waiting on feeder school results for 6 grade.
78% ELA lower yr.

Swinerton Science:

Experience decline score prof score 56%
went up 63% BIO EOC. 5 + 4 Bio score
Pretest data and end yr. data combine to
determine scores / review

Science

Txt book digital - challenge not evr

Cardoza - Math Dept.

Score FSA A - higher than average
level 3 ↑

Ms. J. Franco ESOL

10 diff. countries 5 diff. languages. A1 & A2

Skorski:

Specials ▽

Peer Counseling - help -

Sady Cook promise: start w/ hello program
by Oct. 17. rolls out next month

Minutes

Bob Harris 1st D approved
Hennig 2nd

PTA.

TTMS Fun Zone is Nov 2. - is the new event
instead of Cougar Challenge - similar event to C.C.
8th ~~at~~ 1/2 hour earlier. Volunteers will wear burgundy shirt
raising funds for Media Center / Academic enhancements.

BTU ▽ Pessman

Elections - Many different

Teacher of year. Betty Girello
 Scott Piglia

Election tomorrow - 9-13-18 memorandum.
additional sick days for anyone in connection w/
Shoneman Douglas.

PTA
C. Harris
9/8

Yr Book & Secret theme,
new program - w/ old company
student council - eagers rock.

Respect

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Student council shirts on sale till next week.

Hauntington

→ have a reading advt. program every summer
pirate theme was this summer.

apx 400 books read.

if teachers refer - thank you.

certified teachers needed.

monitor their success -

computer web based test to measure
success. as a corporate initiative
test name.

all other will launch Jan. 1st.

"They will help with anything we need
but we need to ask"

→ * Test taking tips for parents. set up
during PTA meetings.

→ * Homework tips for parents

next meeting Oct 10.

meeting Adjourned 9:53 AM