**SAC Minutes**

**January 10th, 2019**

**Members in Attendance**: Dr. Sherri Wilson, Kayla Rodriguez, Kimarya Carter-Martin, Denise Fernandez, Courtney Johnson, Takesha McCray, Lourdes Lozano, and James McHellen.

**Members not in Attendance:** Valentina Attah, Lucya Ellis, Horace Fearon, Paula Lebert, Aleshia Copeland, Kimberli Johnson, and Danielson Alexis.

**Quorum Established**: YES

1. ***Welcome/Roll Call to Establish Quorum***

Ms. Carter-Martin opened the meeting at 6:11pm and proceeded with roll call.

1. ***Approval of Minutes***

Minutes from October 4th were reviewed. D. Fernandez made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Wilson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

1. ***SAC Composition***

Ms. Carter-Martin stated that we are in compliance when it comes to fulfilling the SAC membership at our school. Though we are always open to accepting new members. If you are interested, you can see Ms. Carter-Martin after the meeting.

1. ***SIP Mid- Year Reflection***

Dr. McCray mentioned that the mid-year reflections is available to view on the OSPA website as well as the school improvement plan. Data chats have been done throughout the school, the principal has conducted meetings with department heads to see progress and we have been making strides to make a ‘B’. We have been meeting the needs of the students and tracking student data.

The mid-year shows the strategies, benchmarks, and what the teachers, staff, and administration are doing to push the needle and move to the next level.

1. ***School Improvement Plan Input***

Ms. Carter-Martin stated that parents are welcomed to offer input into the SIP. The plan is updated regularly, and changes can be done frequently. Parents were given a SIP input form and provided with opportunities to visit the website and list recommendations on the input form.

1. ***School Rebranding***

Dr. Wilson stated that the School Choice Enhancement Dollars are being used. We are working on the front office which will start in February. The marquee will be updated to a digital and electronic marquee. The rebranding of the school has started well, with putting the new logo in the front of the school as well as the recognition for the 2017 and 2018 School of Distinction. Both will be visible in the front of the school.

The bond money that was supposed to be used for the Media Center, is hoping to begin soon as well.

Moving on the curriculum. The school has a 6th grader going to Las Vegas to take a Mandarin test with the department of state. We wish her luck!

We are still waiting for ground to break for our Control Environment Agriculture Program, which will add another leg to our curriculum. This program will bring a more innovated approach and give students more market. We want the curriculum to match the vision of the school.

1. ***BSA/FSA Schedule***

Ms. Carter Martin mentioned that currently students are taking the BSA, which is used to prepare them for the FSA. She also mentioned that the FSA has been pushed back and testing will begin in April with writing and continue with other subjects in May.

1. ***Extended Learning Opportunities***

Ms. Carter Martin stated that we have after school tutoring available Monday and Wednesday for students, focusing on Reading and Math right now. We are hoping to add Math and Science soon.

*Lozano: I use USATestPrep at home, but it only has math and reading. Will you be adding more subjects?*

Dr. Wilson stated that this year we have purchased Study Island where students can see all subjects: reading, math, science, and civics. Also, students have access to Achieve 3000. We are also discussing the idea of having before school tutoring and Saturday tutoring as well.

1. ***Parent Involvement Seminar***

Dr. McCray mentioned the Parent Involvement Seminar to the parents of students at Plantation Middle School. Plantation can pay for three parents to attend the seminar.

Ms. Rodriguez also mentioned that Parent Involvement Rally which will be held at the Jim Ward Center on February 23rd for 11am to 1pm. This will give parents an opportunity to see what the school is doing, receive different resources from the school district, as well as the city of Plantation.

Dr. Wilson said parent involvement has been a challenge and with the rebranding we are trying to get rid of the negative connotations associated with the school. Some parents at our schools work numerous jobs and that why with the Parent Involvement Rally we are trying to bring it into the community. She also mentioned that ups and downs we have had with attendance at SAC meetings and how some parents have seen a transformation in the school.

She also mentioned that we will be working on a survey to send out to the parents so we can know what the parents want through parent link.

*Lozano: The school scores in Math are good, but struggle in Reading. I try to make him read, but it’s not mandatory. I met a student that goes to another school where reading is required.*

Dr. Wilson mentioned that we have always been a lot stronger in Math, but 75% of our students are ones and twos, so it’s hard to compare to another school. We work a lot of remediating, filling the gaps, and preparing the students. She mentioned the community and parents see a ‘C’ but don’t always see the work being done. Students are being exposed to Latin/Greek words and being able to put them into sentences and essays.

Every parent sends their best child. We are really promoting our extended learning opportunities to allow the students to learn more within the school.

Ms. Carter Martin mentioned that parents need to make it a requirement for the reading. We need the assistance from the parents.

Ms. Fernandez mentioned that students in middle school are also learning how to be independent.

1. ***Annual Parent Title I Survey***

Dr. McCray mentioned that emails and robo calls have been going home asking the parents to complete the survey. There are copies here and she welcomed them to finished it before the end of the meeting.

1. ***Announcements/Adjournment***

Ms. Johnson mentioned that there will be a Scholastic Book Fair the last week of January. Students can pay cash or by an e-wallet. More information will be coming out shortly.

Dr. Wilson made a few announcements:

* She congratulated Ms. Zhao on receiving $1,500 from the Department of State to help fund a Chinese New Year Ceremony for the school. Also Ms. Rivero received $1,500 to help bring more reading and culture to the Chinese classes.
* She mentioned that the school will officially be on block schedule next year. Class will be about 86 minutes in length and we will be on a 4 by 4 schedule. This will allow for more time in the class and drill into more content.
* We just hired a new campus monitor, Mr. Williams. He’s former military and has been excellent the few days we have had him.

Ms. Bond mentioned that some students will be participating in Vex Robot at the end of January.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm. Ms. Fernandez made the motion.

Ms. C. Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor.