

Stephen Foster Elementary

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Sept. 17, 2018

- I. Call to order.** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Allagood at 2:23 pm.
- II. Approve minutes from May 29, 2018 meeting.** Minutes were approved by Mrs. Heil and were seconded by Mrs. Clingan-Venable.
- III. Principal's Report.** Mr. Martin (SFE Assistant Principal) presented the Principal's report. He discussed that SFE is off to a great start. As far as 3-5 grades, we have been speaking to them about the FSA and we have started in the classes working with the students on the types of questions they will see. We are using Problems of the Day, Weekly Assignments, and working on different strategies. For grades K-2, we are working on making them proficient readers by third grade by using Balanced Literacy strategies.
- IV. School Improvement Plan.** Mr. Allagood discussed the SIP plan, highlighting the following details: A BCPS Core Value includes parental involvement – Positive stakeholder involvement enhances student achievement. School improvement teams have proven successful in helping improve test grades and schools in all of Broward County. The 2018 FSA Data was presented – SFE in 2016 to 2018 is a "C" school. Our points are going up in regard to proficiency. Forty-one percent of our students met grade level on the ELA FSA (grades 3-5 only). Fifty-two percent of our students showed growth on the state test (grades 3-5). Low 25th percentile showed gains among 46 percent of the students. In FSA Math, we went up. Fifty-one percent of our students scored on grade level; 53 percent did better than the prior year; low 25 percentile, 40 percent of those students showed gains. In science, 47 percent of the fifth graders achieved proficiency – this was also an increase from previous years.

Strategies used to improve FSA results included Daily 5 rotations of Read to Self, Read to Someone, Word Work, Work on Writing, and Listen to Reading. Also, guided reading groups with specific targets for each child, interactive read alouds, shared reading and Walk-to-Read groups with the Low 25 using LLI curriculum proved successful. Forty-five minutes of iReady Reading was required each week. ELA Crunch Time was also incorporated using Ready Tools. In math, strategies included the Go Math book, Math by Myself, Math with Someone and Math Writing. Forty-five minutes of iReady Math was required each week. The Forty-Day math countdown, chapter tests similar to the FSA, Chapter and Unit Performance Tasks were also used. For Science, the Science Fusion book, Speedbag book (5th grade/standards-based), Science mini BATS, hands on labs, and students doing 154 Science Brain Pop lessons that are recorded in their Science journals were all utilized.
- V. Title 1.** Information regarding Title 1 was detailed by Ms. Leider. She discussed the importance for Title 1 schools to get more parental involvement. The more the parents are involved, the better the students do. When the students see education as important to the parents, they know it is important. Title I brings a lot of money to the school. School events coming up – Title 1 Intermediate (3-5) Academic Showcase on October 11 and Title 1 Primary (K-2) Academic Showcase in February. Ms. Leider keeps track of the paperwork that is required for Title 1 events. Title 1 also requires a specific plan. Ms. Leider is looking for two parent volunteers to go to the Title 1 meetings once a quarter. Title 1 has many great resources and is a great thing to be involved in.

VI. SAF. A report on SAF (School Advisory Forum) was presented by Ms. Clingan-Venable. They have had two meetings. School Board members were encouraging parents to get involved. This was very important on the agenda. The district advisory board has hired Safe Haven International to review school security. The executive director will be at Plantation tonight at 6:30 September 17th and Monarch High School on the 20th at 6:30.

VII. Upcoming Events

Sept. 18	Fire Drill, PTO Restaurant Night Blaze 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	No School
Sept. 20	SFE 101 Release Day
Sept. 21	International Peace Day, Deadline 5 th Grade Disney field trip deposit (\$25)
Sept. 24	Class Reviews Start, Just Say “Hello” Week, Team Leader Meeting
Oct. 1	Safe Havens Traffic Assessment
Oct. 4	SIM Visit, Safe Havens Site Assessment & Scenario Simulations
Oct. 5	ELA Unit 1 Assessment (grades 3-5)
Oct. 8	J. A. Biztown 5 th Grade Field Trip
Oct. 9	Code Red Drill
Oct. 10	Cadre Visit
Oct. 11	Fall Book Fair Begins, Intermediate Title 1 Showcase 8:15 a.m.
Oct. 12	Kid of Character Celebration, Book Fair Family Night 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

VIII. Future Meetings - Dates & Time (2:15):

Oct. 15, 2018, Nov. 19, 2018, Dec. 17, 2018, Jan. 14, 2019, Feb. 11, 2019, March 18, 2019, April 15, 2019, May 20, 2019.

IX. PTO News: SFE PTO President Ms. Sue Ona discussed the upcoming PTO Meeting Oct 3 at 6:30 in the SFE Media Center. Also, the Book Fair is coming up and we need volunteers. Volunteers are also needed for Family Fun Night. Regarding the current fundraiser going on – if each student could sell one item, we could earn a lot of money for the school. It ends on Sept. 28.

Meeting Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Allagood at 3:01 pm. Thanks to all the volunteers.

I. Call to order. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Clingan Venable at

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