School: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Montessori Academy (MLK)

Meeting: SAC Meeting

Date: 09/18/18

1. Introduction – Mr. Darryl Wilson (SAC Chair) warmly welcomed faculty members, parents old and new to the School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting. He asked if there were any community or business representatives in attendance. A member of the Broward County Library Ms. Mary Lofty was in attendance.

 Members present included: Mr. Lindsey, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Bonnie, & Ms. Franco

 Note: The meeting was started at 5:40pm by Mr. Wilson.

 Quorum was Established.

1. Principal’s Report – Ms. Mitshuca Moreau (Principal) started off her report by informing the committee of her goal which is to align parental events with SAC to increase parent involvement. Parent participation at MLK is essential to student success. To achieve her goal Ms. Moreau stated that content coaches will be coming to the meetings from time to time to share best practices with SAC committee members and parents to better help with home learning. As a result, parental involvement at MLK during SAC committee meetings should increase significantly.

Ms. Moreau also stated that she would like for parents to encourage children to read for at least 20 minutes a day while at home. MLK earned a grade of “C” for the 2017-18 school year. The school is now focusing on earning a “B” or higher for the first time ever. MLK is doing its’ best to cut down on teacher turnover. MLK will continue to make every effort to support teachers which will help with teacher retention. This school year, MLK retained many more teachers than in past years.

MLK students did very well in math on the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) test. The school was second in the state in terms of points increased from the previous year in math. The school went from 26% proficiency to 50% in math. Third Grade has increased every year over the past four years. This year, there’s a push to increase reading proficiency across all grades.

Because of the school’s increased performance on the FSA, A+ funds will be giving to the school staff after SAC votes on the winning proposal. We will need to ensure quorum is established during the voting to get this done in a timely manner.

Ms Moreau also stated that MLK’s Food pantry will take place each month again this year. She welcomed BTU’s partnership in regards to this great initiative. Ms. Moreau encouraged parents to come out each month and participate in the program.

1. Mr. Wilson (SAC Chair) went over the SAC By Laws with the committee. He also went over the purpose of the committee. He discussed roles and responsibilities of committee members.
2. Mr. Wilson (SAC Chair) then conducted a vote to elect new SAC Officers and New members to the committee. New officers and members were elected and accepted to the committee. SAC meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month again this year with a push to establish quorum at every single meeting, so that the committee can vote on key school related issues.
3. Mr. Lindsey (Title 1 Liaison) reviewed the Title 1 Parental Involvement Plan with the committee. Then, he conveyed to the committee the importance of Title 1 funding and the need for parents to fill out free and reduce lunch applications. Mr. Lindsey also informed the committee that Title 1 personnel comes into the school and participate in the Reading Pals program on a weekly basis. Reading Pals helps many of MLK’s 1st graders to learn to read proficiently. Mr. Lindsey also encouraged parents to participate in Title 1’s annual parent meetings held at various locations throughout the district. He told everyone that the first annual Title 1 meeting will occur on Thurs. Sept. 27th at Park Lakes Elementary. Dr. Mapp will be the keynote speaker, speaking about family engagement.
4. Old Business & Upcoming Events
* International Peace Day Fri., Sept. 21st (Everyone wear white to school)
* Dad’s Take Children to School Wed., Sept. 26th
* Hispanic Heritage Month (October)
* Two Gift Cards of $50 & $25 were given out by Ms. Bonnie for the Summer Book Reading Program.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27pm. Ms. Franco (Committee Member) seconded it.