Seminole Middle School

School Advisory Council

Meeting Notes

October 10, 2018

7:15 am

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Parent Representatives – are required to attend quarterly meetings and bring back concerns in behalf of student groups; Representatives must be parents of ESOL, ESE, and/or gifted students.
3. ESOL Representative – To be determined
4. ESE Representative – To be determined
5. Gifted Representative – To be determined
6. School Improvement Plan and Input – still a work in progress; will be completed by next month
* The School Improvement Plan addresses what is being done to keep our school successful.
* Student achievement increased in every subject area (Reading, Math, and Social Studies) except for Science; Instructional strategies will be implemented to improve Science scores.
* The School Improvement Plan will be sent out via email to parents, faculty, and staff members once completed.
1. Title 1 Family Reading Night – Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 6:00 pm
* Will take place at Seminole Middle School
* Book Fair will take place during Reading Family Night (Parent volunteers are needed per Mr. Matranga)
* Parents will learn how they can help their children to improve their reading skills
* Parents may attend Family Reading Night with their children
1. Accreditation – will be done in 3 years
2. School Advisory Committee Bylaws – template put out by the district
* SAC Members are elected for one year only
* SAC Chairperson and SAC Secretary are elected each year
* Motion to approve the Bylaws
* Ms. Rubio (first to make a motion to approve SAC Bylaws)
* Ms. Kleinman (second to make a motion to approve Bylaws)
* All present were in favor; no one was opposed
1. AdvancED Survey Results – Parents must take survey online
* ParentLink (robo calls) will be sent out to remind parents to complete the survey
1. School Safety Procedures/Protocol
* Students must wear school ID badges every day (mandatory)
* Single point of entry is now up and running
* Parent concerns regarding school safety will be addressed with Mrs. Fiorentino and Mrs. Marlow at the PTA meeting to follow
1. Reimagining Middle Grades
2. PBL (Project Based Learning) – Ms. Curry and Mrs. Marlow attended a PBL training which they commented was very engaging; Mrs. Marlow would like to set up a Professional Development Training for PBL at Seminole Middle School for teachers.
3. SEL (Social Emotional Learning) – students need to learn how to cope with their emotions and other personal issues
* SEL is part of the Positive Behavior Plan
* Mrs. Vickers runs the Mentoring Tomorrow’s Leaders (MTL) program – student activities include Breast Cancer Walk, College Tour, etc.
* Seminole Middle School offers a variety of electives that help students to get engaged in school (Film as Literature; Fairy Tales Literature, Darkside Fairy, Sports and Politics, Rockets, Riddles, and Robots, etc.)
1. Principal’s Report – Mrs. Marlow will address during PTA meeting to follow
2. Parent question regarding community service for middle school students
* Community service is only required for middle school students if they are a part of the National Juniors Honor Society.
1. Parent emails were added to the SAC contact list
2. Next SAC/SAF Meeting – Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 7:15 am
3. SAC Meeting adjourned @ 7:44 am by Ms. Rappaport