

# Coral Springs Middle School School Advisory Council

## Minutes

November 7, 2018

8:00 AM

Media Center

1. Call meeting to order (8:05 AM)
2. Motion to approve Minutes from previous meeting by N. Beaney, B Opthof seconded
3. Department Reports
  - a. Guidance – Beaney
    - a. Magnet schools presenting on 11/29 for 8<sup>th</sup> graders
    - b. Parent Douglas Night meeting is approved for 1/23/2019 (in conjunction with our "night" SAC meeting)
    - c. Douglas will register students on 1/28/2019
    - d. Junior Achievement will be 1/8/19, 1/9/19, and 1/10/19
    - e. Harvest Drive is ongoing
    - f. Faculty/Student basketball game is being planned. Tickets will be sold during breakfast.
    - g. MSD Memorial is being sponsored by 4 different clubs here at CSMS
    - h. Grade level field trips are up and running.
  - b. Math – Byrd (absent)
  - c. Science – Dollins
    - a. Team 710 went on Field trip to Palm Beach Zoo this week.
    - b. Team 720 going canoeing
    - c. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students went to Museum of Science and Discovery
    - d. STEM to STEM day field trip to Panthers Stadium is on 11/14/2018
  - d. Social Studies – Opthof
    - a. Mock Elections - SS students have been voting through their Social Studies classes in our mock election online through virtual counselor. The ballot is identical to the actual ballot and has allowed us to introduce them to the process.
    - b. Vacancy - Our U.S. History teacher Ms. Zetrene had to resign due to medical issues, Mr. Campbell is covering. He is managing the students well and members of the Social Studies department have offered to assist. We are in the last stages of interviews with two strong candidates for the position.
    - c. EOC Questions - The District Social Studies office has released a new bank of EOC style questions for Civics. Our PLC has been working to incorporate them into our classes.
    - d. Veteran Postcards - On Friday we will be mailing out the Thank-A-Vet Postcards. This is an initiative through the National Constitution Center that then send it to the Thank-A-Vet program.
  - e. Literacy – DeStefano
    - a. Contests
  - f. Electives – Levinsky
    - a. Our Band Car Wash will be Saturday, Nov. 10th- 9-12 at the Wendy's on university and Wiles.
    - b. The Winter Concert will be Tuesday, Dec. 18th- 7pm; Cafeteria the price is \$3 per person ages 10+.
    - c. Also, Harrison Sparaco made the Florida All State jazz band on bass. That makes him the best middle school bass player in the state because only 1 student is selected.
    - d. Debate
      - i. At the Oct. 3rd competition we had 23 medal winners.
        - a. Lily Singer, Kate Becker, and Jason Johnson all medaled for Declamation
        - b. Aisha Hashmi medaled for Dramatic Interpretation
        - c. Olivia Alvarez and Emma Betancourt, Nicole Silva and Rebecca Dadlani, Hannah Thomas and Antonia Milosevich and Eva Forrest and Michael Sorenson all groups medaled for their Duo Interpretations.

- d. Zahra Williams and Nathaniel Payne medaled for Humorous Interpretation
      - e. Noldine Belizaire, Pooja Gudoor and Cassidy Tarr medaled in Original Oratory
      - f. Maya Gordon medaled in Prose, Matthew Danvers and Charles Dellaira Jr., and Kyra Jallali and Preston Mash both groups medaled in Public Forum debate
    - ii. Next competition November 29th.
  - e. Art
    - i. 6th, 7th and 8th grade art students entered the National School Lunch Poster contest in which a 7th grader and 6th grader made honorable mention at the county level and received an award along with a reception at the KC Wright Building in Fort Lauderdale. They have also submitted art work for the PEACE Poster contest...waiting to hear results.
    - ii. 7th and 8th graders are getting ready for the Coral Springs 29th Annual Martin Luther King Contest. This year's theme is MLK had a dream....what is your dream?
  - f. Spanish
    - i. The Spanish Club is preparing for the District World Languages Competition which will be April 13th at Rickard's Middle School.
    - ii. The Spanish 1 and 2 midterm exams will be December 18-20.
  - g. Peer Counseling
    - i. Harvest Drive Collection PCs are collecting and sorting the items donated
    - ii. Peer Counseling just completed a presentation from Nova Southeastern University 1st year Medical students on Tobacco Training.
    - iii. This week we will have The Hanley Foundation presentation on Life Skills promoting health and personal development.
    - iv. Next week we will have the Gilda's Club - Kids Cancer Awareness program.
  - h. Drama
    - i. Drama Theatre class went to see the Slowburn Theatre Company's production of Freaky Friday.
    - ii. Our Jr Thespian troupe 88547 will compete this Saturday at the Florida Jr Thespian District 3 Festival located at Taravella High School. We are competing in 15 events including 5 solo musical numbers, one duet musical number, one large group musical number with 12 students, a duet acting scene, one monologue scene, one costume design, one make up design, one improv, and for the first time a student is creating a publicity design folder.
  - g. ESLS – Lopez
    - a. Courtney Cohen, our Speech and Language Pathologist, is set to return on Monday November 12th, please welcome her back with a warm smile.
    - b. Mr. Krantz sells popcorn and brownies on Fridays and that money pays for our Special Needs Population field trips so that every child can participate. Mr. Krantz will also be supporting the memorial as well.
    - c. Best Buddies is well underway, we have several gen ed students who go in to the SVE (Specialized Varying Exceptionalities) classroom on a daily basis and assist our students with special needs in the areas of social skills, academics, independent functioning skills.
    - d. Thanks to Judy Barcel who came to CSMS on 10/19 and presented on ESLS and compliance. It was a successful training and now the ESLS dept. is looking to bring in a presenter on Differentiated Instruction after the winter break.
    - e. Thanks to all staff, Ms Opthof, Ms. Cusano, etc for including our students with special needs in all the general education field trips. So far this year our ESLS students have gone to the Palm Beach Zoo field trip and we have another group headed to the IMAX field Trip coming up next week.
4. Safety/Discipline Report – Argent
- a. Shared the top disciplinary infractions:
    - a. Disobedience and insubordination; Unruly or disruptive behavior
    - b. Excused / Unexcused absences per grade level discussed
    - c. Tardies discussed; reviewer procedures for teachers to properly mark tardies unexcused
5. Partners Report – Nelson

- a. Two new partners have come on board, Coral Springs Orthodontist and Parkland Dermatology. These partners have just joined and banners are in production and should be up this weekend.
  - b. PTA is providing funds for us to put up a banner showing support for MSD. The banner will say: CSMS Stallions 4ever Stand with our MSD Eagles. Thank you to our PTA!
6. Title I – Nelson
- a. The school improvement plan is now available for viewing on the CSMS website. You can find it under the channel "Our School" then slide through the drop down menu to "School Info" and click on the "School Improvement Plan." The plan is constructed with help from teachers, parents and community. We met as a team to develop this and take suggestions. The suggestions for this plan was the some type of curriculum evening for parents. We added this to the plan. We are developing the curriculum night so we cannot report on what it will entail at this point but we do know we set a date of February 28th. We will be working on next school years SIP, PFEP and Title I Addendum beginning in January so if you would like to be a part of this, please let Kelli Nelson know.
  - b. We received funding based upon our population so we recently turned in a budget for the added funds. With the funds, we will be purchasing Accelerated Reader, a Recordex and planning for curriculum that coordinates with Accelerated Reader.
7. SAF Report – Lev
- a. Area meeting
    - a. Parent surveys were a priority
    - b. School calendar for 2019-2020
    - c. No county events for 2/14/2019 Douglas anniversary
    - d. Amount of homework was discussed
8. PTA – Lev
- a. Holiday House 12/3 – 12/10
  - b. Wish lists are needed so PTA knows how to spend the money they have raised
9. Principal's Report – Sara La Rosa
- a. 8<sup>th</sup> grade Footprints project was amazing
  - b. Athletics/sports is doing very well
  - c. On 2/14/2019, MSD will not be having school. The students will be doing a "Day of Service" so the zone schools will allow Douglas students to come back to the schools to volunteer on that day
  - d. Honor Roll – We are not going to be doing quarterly celebrations with parents any longer due to safety. We are still finalizing the plans to celebrate with the students.
  - e. iZone meeting on Friday in the CSMS Media Center
  - f. Guidance Department is doing a great job honing our social emotional skills.
  - g. We are also going to be starting a "Crime Watch"
  - h. On the 9<sup>th</sup>, we are honoring our veterans by offering them a special lunch in the cafeteria
  - i. We are also going to be doing a Parent Night with Officer Cohen specifically focusing on social media.
  - j. Safety Updates: We are updating our Media Center, our AC is getting updated, our school exterior is getting a fresh coat of paint, our digital marquee is being installed, our school will be getting a buzzer system for the front door and the main office, and a card scanner will be installed in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade building for teachers.
10. Motion to adjourn by B. Dollins; seconded by R. Matthews