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## SAC Minutes – March 19, 2019

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### **Attendance:**

List of members and attendees were documented in our sign in sheets.

### **Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Pembroke Lakes Elementary School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on March 19, 2019. SAC Chair Shelby Jares called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m. Kimberly Carraha will record minutes for this meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Ted Tangredi motioned to approve the minutes of February 26, 2019, seconded by Ms. Benedit .

### **Special Presentation**

#### ➤ **Pembroke Pines Police Department-Cyber Safety for Children**

Officer Scopa from the Pembroke Pines Police Department was introduced by Officer Yester. Officer Scopa discussed that online safety courses are being offered because more than 65% of Americans are playing computer games and mobile device games with a significant increase in use of electronic devices among children 6-12. Some of the main points were:

- Top 20 games are violent (PS4 and Xbox).
- Parents need to be aware of game ratings. Children 10-15 want grand theft auto which is the most vulgar and dangerous game out there.
- Many games rating “pending rating” are very violent so be careful.
- Fortnite is very popular and not suitable for children under 12. Parents should be aware that children can talk to other people (strangers) anywhere in the world.

#### **Video game addiction symptoms, causes and effects.**

- Similar to gambling addiction.
- Two types of addiction:
  - (1) beating high score or completing a mission.
  - (2) build relationships with other online players as an escape from reality.
    - Feelings of acceptance.
- Long term and short term effects. Look for: Grades failing, sacrificing homework

#### **Safety risks**

- Cyberbullying (creating fake accounts)
- Exposure to inappropriate content
- Posting personal or inappropriate information

- Sexting
- Online predators
- Making inappropriate comments or threats.

#### **What Can You Do**

- Talk to children about online profile and posting pictures
- Set guidelines about use of technology
- Set up **parental controls** in privacy settings
- Discuss consequences
- Know child's friends
- Report to cyber tip hotline

#### **Threat Assessment Team**

- Threats of violence will lead to arrest.
- **Felony**-automatic expulsion, loss of scholarships, community service hours
- Report violations right away, change number, save pictures

#### **Parent Resources**

- Internet crimes against children taskforce
- National center of missing and exploited children.
- Parent workshops are offered by the department on Saturdays.

Officer Scopa made informational books available to everyone at meeting.

#### **Best Practice#1**

##### **SIP Chairs Reports** (Reading, math, Science, Writing)

- **Reading:** Ms. McLaughlin reported that teachers reported that they were focusing on readers who need extra support.
- **Math:**
- **Science:** Ms. Monin reported that there was a focus to merge Science with Social Studies
- **Writing:** Ms. Bedit reported that 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades were focused and preparing for upcoming tests. Working on weak areas to get students ready.
- **Guidance Report:** No report was made at this time.
- **Principals Report:**  
Mrs. Wagner reported that April 1 was the deadline to submit FSA motivational posters. Teachers were being asked to create extras for those students who don't bring in any. Data chats will be completed before Spring Break to ensure that all student's needs are being met. Thursday, March 21 is being recognized as Down's Syndrome Day and students will wear silly socks. There will be no mandatory homework for the break however some teachers may send some optional work home. Third graders have reading FSA as soon as we return so students should be encouraged to try and do i-Ready over the break. The Playground Party is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>. SAC funds of about \$17,000 have not yet been used. Because the District wants us to use the funds, Mrs. Wagner made a motion to spend no more than \$5,000 at this time to supplement the Math books. The funds would be used to purchase sets of FL Coach and Instructional Math Books for 2, 3, 4 and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Those present voted yes unanimously.
- **Title 1:** Updates will be reported in April.

#### **New Business:**

No new business

**Next Meeting Date and Time:**

- The next meeting will be held on April 23, 2019 in the Pembroke Lakes Elementary Media Center at the regular time, 2:15.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Ms. Trace Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ted Tangredi at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kimberly Carraha,

SAC Secretary

Approval Date: