

Welleby Elementary School School Advisory Forum Minutes January 16, 2019

I. Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Take roll and established quorum.

II. Welcome and Introductions

III. School Choice Enhancement Program (SCEP) – District Presentation

- The district came to our SAC meeting and presented a power point presentation in addition to discussing the “plan of construction” that will be coming up in the following months at Welleby.
- The plan is to have 90% of drawings of construction submitted between March and April.
- Permitting will then follow the “plan of construction” and permitting itself will take about 4-6 weeks.
- The general contractor’s focus is to make “building improvements” to Welleby.
- The total budget for Welleby’s School Choice Enhancement Project is \$2,925,000.
- There will be re-roofing for buildings 1-6 at Welleby.
- Test and balance controls will be done as part of the construction project.
- There will be electrical improvements done in buildings 1-85.
- Security lights, fire alarms, wall panels will all be replaced or updated.
- The whole building will be re-piped.
- There will be a single-point of entry, however since Welleby has already met the district’s criteria for single point entry there will be no work done in that aspect and no money allotted for that.
- In regards to time frame, there is no actual schedule at this point because the construction process is still in the “design phase”.

- There is no specific time frame yet at this point. Once the construction manager comes on board, the construction manager will work with the design team to create a “plan of schedule”.
- All workers on campus will have to be cleared and will have to wear a badge.
- A parent mentioned that Welleby needs a new PA system or an improved PA system because teachers can't hear announcements on the PA when they are outside or in outdoor hallways and that can be a safety hazard.
- There are other SMART projects being put out by the district that include music and technology.

IV. Review of SAC Minutes from December Meeting – Mr. Jerome

- Mr. Jerome reviewed the SAC/SAF Minutes from the last SAC Meeting on December 19, 2018.
- Reviewed Ms. Gaby's presentation on the SMART School Choice Enhancement Funds (\$100,000) that Welleby is going to be receiving.
- Reviewed the procedures and protocol for the SMART School Choice Enhancement Funds.
- Discussed the way the ballot will be developed and distributed.
- Spoke about the manner in how the \$100,000 is allowed to be spent.
- District mandates and district criteria concerning the SMART funds were addressed.
- On the ballot, the list of items should be prioritized from top to bottom.
- The ballot has to be approved by SAC before being voted on by community members.
- The Principal will meet with the leadership team to discuss priorities of need for the school in terms of allocation of the SMART funds.
- Ms. Atelius presented an update on the upcoming January BSA testing.
- The BSA Test will be a paper-based test, not computer-based like the FSA.
- The school will be coming up with a “computer plan” for BSA testing for grades 3-5.
- Teachers have to make sure all students take the practice BSA test before winter break.

- There will be a training for all faculty and staff that are administering the BSA test on Monday, January 7th on campus.
- Ms. Ollivierre reminded the committee that BAS test scores are not to be taken as classroom grades.
- Ms. Ollivierre spoke on the difference between the electronic FSA test and the hard copy (paper based) FSA test.
- Mr. Jerome wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.
- Questions or concerns regarding the December 19th SAC Meeting.

V. School Updates – Administration

- Ms. Ollivierre spoke about the school's BSA testing procedures and protocol.
- Parents were advised to setup conferences with teacher's to get an understanding of the BSA scores.
- Ms. Pacheco told parents in attendance that they must keep in mind that a lot of the skills tested on the BSA test have not yet been taught by classroom teachers so parents should not be too alarmed by the student scores.
- Students are not taking the BSA for a "score", but rather as more of a "checkpoint" to measure student progress.
- Ms. Ollivierre mentioned that every school teaches different standards at different times and every school has different needs therefore that is why all standards are tested on the BSA test and not just certain standards.
- Ms. Atelius reminded the parents that everyday students come to school they are studying for the BSA in all actuality.
- The students are not "cramming" for the BSA test like us adults use to "cram" for tests as kids.
- Ms. Ollivierre talked about how the state is going back to "paper based" FSA tests because there were many "hiccups" with "computer based" FSA testing the last few years.
- The fact that the state of Florida has decided to go back to "paper based" FSA testing was discussed in detail.
- Now that the state is going back to "paper based" FSA testing it will take longer to get student results back. We are hoping to get the FSA scores back by the end of May for 3rd grade and by the end of June for 4th and 5th grade.
- FSA testing will start the week after Spring Break.

- Ms. Pacheco asked the question of who comes up with the calendar for testing. Ms. Ollivierre responded by telling her that the state and district come up with the state testing calendar and then approve it.
- Ms. Atelius added that test security is of very high importance because if someone leaks out testing information it can throw things off with the FSA testing schedule.
- A parent asked if Welleby was still only 2 points from being an “A” school. Ms. Ollivierre said that yes in fact Welleby was only 2 points away from being an “A” school last year according to the FSA scores for the school.
- Ms. Ollivierre mentioned that there is a “process” towards the SMART funds (\$100,000) allotted to the school.
- Ms. Ollivierre explained to the parents in attendance that some schools use the \$100,000 of SMART funds to purchase safety items. However, if we as a school use our SMART funds on the purchase of buzzers for example, we do not get reimbursed by the state for the money we spent on buzzers (or any security measures) if the state goes ahead and pays for that specific item (such as buzzers) for the school.
- A parent questioned how can all this upcoming construction planned for the school be done without interrupting student instruction.
- Ms. Ollivierre explained to the parents that some of the projects would be held off until the summer especially the projects that would cause disruption to student learning.
- It was discussed that Welleby has to get a committee together and sit down to create a ballot for SMART funds allocation.
- Ms. Ollivierre said that the school staff will come up with a ballot, SAC will approve it and the community (parents) will get to vote on the ballot.
- Ms. Ollivierre told the committee that if the ballot is done by the next SAC meeting then we could vote on it then.

VI. BSA (Broward Standards Assessment) Testing Update – Ms. Barrow

- Ms. Barrow discussed the current and ongoing BSA testing at Welleby.
- The schedule for BSA testing was discussed in length.
- The importance of students coming to school on time on BSA testing days was relayed to those in attendance.
- The training that all teachers and staff members who are responsible for administering the BSA test was talked about.

- The BSA testing will continue this week and through next week and it is important that students are focused and prepared.

VII. Title I Update

- Mr. Satran, our school Title I Coordinator, said there were no current Title I Updates at this time.

VIII. Comments and concerns

- Mr. Jerome asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding today's SAC meeting.
- There were no questions or concerns.
- Mr. Jerome thanked all in attendance for coming to our January SAC meeting and told everyone in attendance that we hoped to see them all back for our next SAC meeting in February.

Meeting adjourned