

Welleby Elementary School School Advisory Council Minutes November 14, 2018

- I. Roll Call to Establish Quorum
Take roll and established quorum.

II. Welcome and Introductions

III. Review of SAC Minutes from October Meeting

- Mr. Jerome reviewed the SAC Minutes from the last SAC Meeting on October 3, 2018.
- Title I Updates from October were reviewed.
- The notes from the School Improvement Plan were discussed.
- Best Practice #3 was discussed in detail focusing on “two way communication between parents and the school”.
- Teachers and parents getting to know and understand one another was a key element of the School Improvement Plan Best Practice #3.
- Welleby Elementary School has raised it’s school grade based on total points the last two years and the school is currently very close to reaching our goal of being an “A” school based on the 2017-2018 FSA scores.
- A quick update of October school-based activities and events was reviewed.
- Questions or concerns regarding the October 3rd SAC Meeting.

IV. School Updates – Administration

- Ms. Ollivierre spoke about the upcoming Turkey Trot event at school on November 16th.
- Math Night at Publix is being finalized for December.
- Fundraiser coming up where students who participated in fundraiser and sold a certain amount of money will get to go to visit American Airline Arena.
- There is a school Literacy Night that will be coming up in January.
- Questions or concerns regarding the school updates.

V. School Academic Updates – Ms. Barrow

- Ms. Barrow discussed I-Ready access at home for students and she also mentioned the Khan Academy Math online program.
- There was an I-Ready Diagnostic Test given to all students in both reading and math in September in which gave a platform for where students currently were at in September.
- I-Ready sign on procedures were explained so that students can work on I-Ready at home.
- I-Ready teacher assigned lessons allow students to practice working above their current academic level and reminded parents it can be a good tool for students to be using at home and at school.
- The goal is for students to complete 45 minutes of I-Ready Reading and 45 minutes of I-Ready Math per week.
- Academically we as a school encourage students to work on I-Ready everyday if possible and teachers also encourage their own children to work on I-ready daily.
- A parent asked about how the parent can see how well their child is doing and how many minutes their child is spending working on I-Ready. Ms. Barrow explained that how the parents can see both the child's score and usage time on I-Ready at home.
- Parents were reminded that I-Ready is just one component to help students improve academically and in turn help our school reach our goal of becoming an "A" school.
- It was explained how all students took part in an I-Ready Growth Monitoring Assessment. The first Growth Monitoring test was taken in September and the second Growth Monitoring Test was taken in November. Both reading and math was assessed. This was used to see "student growth".
- A parent asked a question regarding what other sites could their children use to help them in reading and math other than I-ready. Ms. Barrow responded by telling the parent that Khan Academy is a good site to use for math and that all of the SSO sites are helpful for the students to work on both at school and at home.

VI. Upcoming School Events – Mr. Jerome

- The upcoming school events was mentioned and discussed earlier in the meeting by both Mr. Jerome in his review of October SAC Minutes and Ms. Ollivierre in her discussion of School Updates.

VII. Anti-Bullying Updates – Ms. Atelius

- Ms. Atelius started her discussion by stating that when we turn on the evening news we see a lot of not so positive messages.
- The School Improvement Plan has a section for "social and emotional messages".

- It is important that we as parents and faculty help students to think more positively.
- “Be the One” is the district’s new Anti-Bullying campaign.
- We must give our children positive and encouraging messages.
- Society is lacking when it comes to positive and encouraging messages but it can still be taught to students.
- This week in school, teachers will read a story about Anti-Bullying to their class.
- This Friday at school (November 16th) is Thanksgiving “Turkey Day”. There will be a huge turkey on Friday in the cafeteria and every student will get one feather when they enter the cafeteria for lunch on Friday.
- We need to tie our lessons and messages into student’s social and emotional being.
- We as adults need to use social awareness and personal skills more often when speaking with and dealing with students.
- We know conflict happens but we want to teach kids how to be able to handle it.
- Let’s work on handling problems in a “healthy” way.
- Every Friday Ms. Atelius goes into classrooms with a particular grade level and works with students on specific skills.
- There is a link for parents to look into bullying prevention for their child.
- December’s Character Development Trait is Kindness.
- There will a school-wide “Kindness Challenge” starting in December.
- Ms. Atelius handed out papers to all the people in attendance and explained how the papers are helpful for bullying prevention for parents. One page is for “bullying prevention” and the second page is for “bullying intervention.”
- Parents were reminded that as a school Welleby does in fact have policies and procedures already in place for bullying issues.

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 November SAC Meeting and told everyone that we hope to see them all back at our next SAC Meeting in December.
- Mr. Jerome wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday.

Meeting adjourned

