Walter C. Young Middle School SAF Meeting Minutes

12/11/18

Meeting was called to order at 4:25 PM

1. Mr. Osborn distributed the BCPS Attendance Rates hand out that showed Broward County Public School’s overall average daily attendance rate decreased by almost one percentage point between the 2015-16 (94.6%) and 2017-18 (93.7%) school years. The ADA rate was similar for elementary, middle, and multi-level schools (ranging from 94.9% to 95.2%) in 2017-18. High schools were lower (91.9%), and centers showed the lowest ADA rate (68.4%).

Broward data for the 2017-18 school year were examined using the attendance categories that align with the School Improvement Plans.  The categories are: Satisfactory (0 – 4.9% absences), At-Risk (5 – 9.9% absences), Chronic Absence (10 – 19.9% absences), and Severe Chronic Absenteeism (20% or more absences). For students categorized as having either chronic or severe chronic absenteeism, middle schools had the smallest proportion of students (11.6%), followed by elementary (13.2%), multi-level (13.4%), high (25.8%), and centers (76.4%).

One of the bullets says that students who only had excused absences (compared to unexcused) scored better on both sections of the FSA.

WCY Middle school is always above the District average of 95% for middle school, usually 96-97 %.

2. To accommodate Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) visitors such as parents, vendors, and the media, the District is releasing an improved and automated BCPS Guest wireless network district-wide effective Monday, November 5, 2018.

The BCPS Guest wireless network is not to be accessed by any BCPS student or staff member using either a district device or their own personal device for the purposes of BYOD (bring your own device).

The BCPS Guest wireless network provides temporary access for up to 24 hours per session and then will expire automatically.  Step-by-step instructions were given to ensure a successful connection.

3. Mr. Osborn then reviewed the School Calendar Options for 2019-20. Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) students will start the 2019/20 school year on **Wednesday, August 14, 2019**. The first day for teachers is Wednesday, August 7, 2019. The new school year calendar follows the current school year’s early, midweek start.

The School Board of Broward County voted to approve the 2019/20 school year at its meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

Highlights of the 2019/20 school year calendar include:

* Thanksgiving Holiday Break: Wednesday, November 27 – Friday, November 29, 2019
* Winter Break: Monday, December 23, 2019 – Friday, January 3, 2020
* Spring Break: Monday, March 23 – Friday, March 27, 2020
* Last Day of School: Tuesday, June 2, 2020

The approved calendar also includes 10 teacher planning days, six early release days and days designated for interim report cards, report cards, holidays and contingencies for up to six hurricane makeup days, if needed.

4. The *Community Connections Catalog* was distributed. The purpose of Community Connections catalog is to improve access to learning experiences within the community including the following:

Student Achievement – Designed to provide information on navigating BCPS and tools to promote students’ academic success.

Parenting/Advocacy – Designed to enhance leadership, parenting, and advocacy skills.

Personal Growth – Designed to provide families with personal and professional tools

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM