Walter C. Young Middle School SAF Meeting Minutes

1/8/19

Meeting was called to order at 4:20 PM

1. Mr. Osborn distributed a handout explaining BCPS Student Promotion Rate

 data provided by demographic group and grade level.

Major findings include:

* District-wide promotion rates were stable across the three years (98.1%, 97.7%, and 97.9% for 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18, respectively).
* Promotion rates for all grades were at or above 97.8% except for first grade (95.4%), second grade (95.8%), and third grade (93.0%).
* Most third-grade students were promoted due to FSA scores (79%), with an additional 14% being promoted due to meeting Good Cause criteria. Of those, the most common reasons were the Portfolio assessment (23.8%), exceptional student education (ESE) previous retention (17.6%), English Language Learner (ELL) program participation (15.2%) and the SAT 10 alternative assessment (9.5%).
* Two percent of the 2,172 students who attended summer school were promoted due to achieving proficiency scores on alternate assessments at the conclusion of summer school

2. Next we looked at information on BCPS District incident and suspension rates. The rates decreased over the three-year period between 2015-16 and 2017-18. The incident rate decreased by two percentage points (from 31% to 29%), and suspension rate decreased by five percentage points (from 20% to 15%). The percent of students committing incidents decreased by one percentage point (from 12% to 11%) and the percent of students receiving suspensions decreased by one percentage point (from 8% to 7%).

3. Next Mr. Osborn gave the SAF various District Security Updates

* BCPS is receiving $ 9 million from the State MSD fund to harden schools and hire mental health counselors. Distribution was based on District enrollment
* All schools will receive a new intercom system that will allow any classroom to call a code red lock down
* BCPS with its own money approved $ 3 million for upgrading school radios and intercom systems

4. Mr. Osborn shared an email about our WCY Camera Surveillance Project, Phase 2. The project will provide enhanced video surveillance capability at all District sites thereby increasing visibility to on premise activity and enabling greater responsiveness in emergency situations.

Nine new, high-resolution cameras, some with video-analytic intelligence, will be installed at our school. The project team is eager to complete the site survey so that the new cameras can be ordered and installed. The location of the additional cameras will be determined based on discussions with school Administration during a site survey visit on January 24 by the project site survey team. Once the site survey has occurred, the time to completion for cameras installation will be fewer than six weeks.

5. Friday, February I, 2019 is "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" in Broward County. Schools are encouraged to integrate career related classroom activities or implement an alternate activity for students who are unable to accompany their parent or guardian to work.

This national campaign provides the opportunity for parents and other adults to showcase their places of employment, explain their job responsibilities, introduce their co-workers, and discuss the various career opportunities that are available in their workplace. Due to the state-mandated testing calendar, the district date does not align with the National Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day. Broward County Public Schools has collaborated with its neighboring districts and the related associations. We are celebrating this event on the same selected date as our neighboring districts in order to facilitate participation among parents, businesses, and the community.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM