Walter C. Young Middle School SAF Meeting Minutes

10/9/18

Meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM

Mr. Osborn discussed a new protocol for Middle Schools this year called Collaborative School visits. OSPA Directors have divided middle schools into zones. Every Monday, principals will rotate to visit other schools. Walter C. Young was a host school for a collaborative visit on Monday, October 8, 2018. Ms. Garrito was here from District Academics Department. Host schools will focus on a selected problem of practice and give a brief orientation to visitors. Classrooms will be visited (four to six) that align with the specific problem of practice. Five ELA classes were observed in a 5 to 10-minute observation looking at teacher instruction and student engagement. The classrooms visited were three reading and two language arts classes. Per Mr. Osborn the visitors were divided into two groups and re- convened at the end of the observation to discuss what they observed. The feedback from the Walter C. Young hosted school visit was very positive, according to Ms. Mansur. The visiting schools included representatives from Pines, New Renaissance, Glades, and Forest Glen Middle.

Mr. Osborn explained a new State of Florida Education policy called the Hope Scholarship for Parents. A student is eligible for a scholarship if he or she has been subjected to an incident of battery, harassment, hazing, bullying, physical attack, robbery, sexual offenses, harassment, assault, or fighting at the public school and reported the incident to the public school. The public school must then investigate the incident and upon conclusion no more than 15 days after the incident was reported shall notify the parent of the Hope Scholarship Program and the available educational options.

Educational Options under the Hope Scholarship Program

* Transfer to another public school – The parent has the option of enrolling his or her student in another public school that has capacity. If a parent chooses to enroll his or her student in a public school located outside the district in which the student resides, the parent shall be eligible for a scholarship to transport the student.
* Transfer to an approved private school – A parent may choose to enroll his or her student in an approved private school. The parent must notify the district of his or her intent to withdraw the student from the public school and place the student in private school.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM