

**Embassy Creek Elementary
SAC Minutes- April 10th, 2019**

Attendance:

Members - Robert Becker/Principal. Beth Casto/BTU Steward. Paula Griffenkranz/SAF-Designee. Keri Jorcin/Teacher. Marisa Liona/Business. Sandy McCarthy/Parent Alexandra Valiente/Iz/SAC-chair

Guests – Jodi Hoover/Asst. Principal. Michelle Dolin/Asst. Principal.

Call to Order:

A joint meeting of the Embassy Creek School Advisory Council and School Advisory Forum was held in the cafeteria on 04/10/2019. SAC Chair, Ms. Valiente called the meeting to order at 9:55 am. Michelle Dolin will record minutes for this meeting.

Minutes:

Ms. Valiente motioned to approve the minutes of 03/15/2019, with no corrections. Motion approved by voice.

Monitoring of Sip (School Improvement Plan) – Ms. Valiente

Annual Customer Survey – on-going, open from March 4th - April 4th. Would like to get a completion rate of 20% parents, 40% students and 60% from teachers. To encourage completion a student incentive of a Spirit Stick was offered at the Literacy Night to any family that completed the Survey that evening. Also, staff were entered in a drawing for a gift card if they completed the survey. The Survey was also advertised in the Flamingo Flyer and both the PTA and Embassy Creek web site.

School-wide Positive Behavior Plan (SPBP) – Ms. Valiente

The SPBP team has been working to create a positive behavior plan for next year. Among the components of the plan are School Wide Expectations which have been determined as ARC (Be Accountable, Be Responsible, Be Kind). Lesson plans will be made available to teachers to implement in their classrooms. In addition we will be utilizing resources from Project Wisdom to help promote a positive school culture and a decrease in behavioral referrals. The plan will become available on our SAC website.

I-Ready: The final Diagnostic Checkpoint (#3) window will open for students in reading and math on May 1st. Third thru fifth grade students will take the diagnostic after FSA tests have been completed in early May. Results of the final checkpoint are used to measure growth for the 2018-19 school year. In addition, students' diagnostic scaled score will be used to determine students eligible for the high achieving program at each grade level. Mrs. McCarthy asked how many seats are available at each grade level and it was explained that the number of high achiever seats available at each grade level varies depending on the number of gifted high achiever classrooms at each grade level and the number of gifted students at that grade level. Parent permission for placement in the high achiever program is required.

GRADE	2017- 2018	2018 - 2019
KG	C ≥ 82%	C ≥ 77%
1 st	I ≥ 35%	I ≥ 64%

2 nd	L ≥ 71%	L ≥ 81%
3 rd	O ≥ 78%	O ≥ 80%

BAS (Benchmark Assessment System): The window for BAS administration closes on May 24th. Mr. Becker explained that the results of the BAS assessments are used to monitor progress in reading accuracy and comprehension throughout the year. In all grades, with the exception of third grade, BAS results can be used as alternative promotion criteria. Mrs. Valiente shared data that compared student results at this point in the year compared to results at the same time last year. Results indicated an increase in 1st and thru 3rd grades. An increase in the number of students that are English Language Learners (ELL) have increased in Kindergarten.

SAF Updates:

Beginning Monday, April 1, 2019 Embassy Creek Elementary School changed the times that our gates open for parents accessing our school grounds for pick-up purposes. We collaborated with BSO and analyzed some of the concerns that have arisen during this very busy time of day. **It was agreed upon that the gates to our school for both parents walking to campus to pick up their child or using the car line on the east side of the school will not be opened until 1:50 p.m.** For parents that pick-up their child in the car line, please remember that lining up on SE Lake Boulevard before 1:50 p.m. will not be permitted. BSO will be issuing citations to any parent who begins the process earlier than agreed upon (this includes sitting in the turning lanes to the school and waiting for the gates to be opened).

We believe that with everyone’s help, these new times will ensure a safer environment not only on campus but on the streets of SE Lake Boulevard. If anyone has questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Deputy Kiar or administration at your convenience.

Mrs. McCarthy shared that since the new gate times have been implemented, car riders have been parking in neighboring communities to await the 1:50 p.m. gate opening time. BSO will be in the area to enforce the new procedures.

Parents interested in volunteering next year, should complete the registration process as soon as the window opens for the next school year. The website for volunteer registration will be included on the postcards that students receive over the summer announcing the name of their assigned teacher for the 2019-20 school year.

Next Meeting Date & Time

The next meeting will be held on 05/23 /2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion: Ms. Valiente motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,
Michelle Dolin
Assistant Principal/Guest
Approval Date: