**Sawgrass Elementary School**

**Media Center**  August 22, 2018

School Advisory Council Agenda Minutes

1. **Call to Order**
   1. Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm
2. **Welcome/Attendance**
   1. Ms. Finkel welcomed all member and guest in attendance, see sign in sheet for verification
3. **Approval of SAC minutes**
   1. Motion to approve minutes as written by Bonnie Vangalis and seconded by Candace Blackbird; Unanimous. Minutes approved.
4. **Approval of Agenda**
   1. Motion to approve agenda as written by Shari Capraro and seconded by Connie Fernnick. Minutes approved.
5. **Old Business**
   1. No Old Business
6. **New Business**
   1. **Join Remind**: Ms. Finkel informs members and guest about Remind, an app that provides upcoming meeting notifications – If you already have Remind join by entering the following: @SACSGE. If you don’t have REMIND- Text:81010.
   2. **SAC 18-19 Notifications & Expectations**
      1. Review of the by-laws:
7. Mr. DeCotis motioned length of term for members for the SAC committee to remain at one year, motion unanimous.
8. Bonnie Vangalis motioned to change chairperson to co-chairperson. Second to motion by Candace Blackbird; motion unanimous.
9. Tammy Plamondon motioned to change voting dates from August to May. Seconded by Mr. Earley; motion unanimous.
10. Proposed SAC Meeting dates and times - Bonnie requested to maintain partnership with PTA, most PTA meeting should follow SAC meetings to make it more convenient for parents.
11. Marjorie Campbell made a motion that SAC meeting be held on the second Wednesday of the month at 5pm. Bonnie Vangalis seconded the motion; motion unanimous.
12. SAC Meetings will now be held every second Wednesday of the month at 5pm
13. Dates are the following: October 10th, November 14th, December 12th, January 9th, February 13th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th
14. Keri Evans motions to table vote for Extended Learning Opportunity (ELOP) for September meeting. Pam Medoff seconds the motion.
    1. **SAC Composition Report**
       1. Mr. Dubose opens the floor for any volunteers/nominees to take I-Zone position.
       2. **Nominations & Voting**
          * 1. The following are those whom have volunteered their participation in the SAC membership and will voted on and or approved at the 9/22/18 meeting:
15. ESE – Connie Fermnick
16. I-Zone- Kurt Dubose
17. Gifted – Tammy Plamondon
18. Pre-Kindergarten – Pan Medoff
19. Paraprofessional – Shari Capraro
20. Business Partners- Donald Graw (CEO) – Jewish Community Center (JCC)
21. ESOL-
22. BTU – Marjorie Campbell
23. SAF – Ramana Earley
24. SAC – Nicole Finkel & Cecily Nunez
25. Secretary – Kim Jean
    1. **Overview of upcoming vote of ELOP:**
       1. Mr. Decotis welcomed attendees and introduced the new second assistant principal, Dr. Saddler. He continued by giving an overview of the Extended Learning Opportunity Program (ELOP), which will be an 8-week fee-based club that runs. It will be $80 per club for the quarter with a maximum capacity of 15 students per clubs. Each club taught will be taught by a Sawgrass Elementary teacher. Ten teachers that have expressed a desire to run an ELOP club. Mr. Decotis explains that the clubs that have high interest, such as Robotics and Debate, students may have to try out. Clubs and ELOP will still run in conjunction with each other. Mrs. Amento chimed in that she would like to do an organized sports club. Decotis explained that funding is low, and he feels that teachers should be compensated for the time they take to head the club. Mr. Dubose expresses that the idea is great, but he does not want students to lose exposure if they cannot afford to pay for the clubs. Mr. Decotis reiterates that free school clubs will still be available to students also.
26. **Principal Report**:
    1. **Welcome**
       1. Mr. Decotis congratulated the staff on a great opening to the school year, especially for improvement of the dismissal rates each day in the first week of school. Sawgrass is currently under enrolled by 75 students, particularly in kindergarten.
    2. **After Care Provider Change Process**
       1. Aftercare provider change to Panther Academy was approved, however during the summer the process was not solidified between Jewish Community Center (JCC), Sawgrass Elementary and the district, resulting in the continuation of JCC being the aftercare provider for 2018-2019 year. Mr. Decotis states, “We believe that it is the best interest of this school and of our student for us to run our own afterschool program”. He highlighted three overarching ideas why it is the best interest for Sawgrass to run its own aftercare program: (1) We are the experts. The educators and paraprofessionals at the school are highly qualified to run the clubs and know how to impact our students the best. Currently, out of 139 schools, 75 of those schools have transition to school board operated model with great success. (2) Financially the school will benefit tremendously generating between $150,000 to $200,00 in revenue to invest into the school and afterschool program as opposed to $25,000 -$35,000 per year generated from JCC. (3) The continuity of safety and security of our own staff running the program that already know the students. He continues to express that the opposite is when JCC runs the program, it takes counselors and outside hired staff time to get to know the students especially in the first weeks. An incident occurred recently a 5-year-old child failed to be escorted to the dismissal post. The child proceeded out the crash gates and ended up at his home. This is an example of the continuity that Sawgrass Elementary’s aftercare program can create to ensure the safety and security of the students. Despite the disappointment of not having Panther Academy, JCC is embraced this year to do their best for our students.
27. **After Care Program Update**
    1. Donald Graw, the CEO of JCC introduces himself. He explained that he met with Mr. Decotis a month ago and expressed their interest to start clubs within the JCC and desires to hire more teachers at Sawgrass Elementary to provide homework assistance, as they have been doing for years. Based on the survey that was put out to the parents, JCC has developed a creative idea to bring students into a homework room if they have not finished it within the allotted 45-minute homework time. JCC does not want to charge parents more money for clubs. JCC is recognizes the cost of childcare and provides scholarships to assist parents in financial need. He stresses that JCC wants to collaborate with the school and offer the students extended learning and will do it within the confines of what the parent is already paying. Mr. Graw gives his number to the attendees which is (954)336-7297. Parents can all reach him directly to ensure the they get the services that they can afford. Mr. Graw emphasized, “We do not want to sacrifice the best interest of the children.”
       1. Mr. Decotis responds by agreeing that there was a discussing about JCC starting clubs and that it is up to the teacher’s interest to work for JCC. He continued by articulating that the ELOP program is not exclusive to the afterschool program. Both programs can run at the same time. Aftercare update was added by Mr.Decotis that there is a security monitor now at JCC.
       2. Mr. Graw states that Broward County monitored that JCC was not allowed to use the playground. Mr. Graw states that the incident regarding the 5-year old child to leaving the premises was wrong and accepts responsibility. He states within the first few days of school Sawgrass personnel contacted JCC three times to located children. He states that JCC has an afterschool program to run and does not have time to find children for Sawgrass staff….
       3. Meet was brought to an abrupt end by the request of Mr. Earley due to the tone and nature the meeting was progressing.
28. **Announcements**
    1. No Announcements
29. **Open Discussions**
    1. No Open Discussions
30. **Adjournments**
    1. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm