

Sawgrass Springs Middle School
SAC Minutes – September 5th, 2018.

Attendance:

List members and attendees.

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Sawgrass Springs Middle School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on September 5th, 2018. Chair Lisa Gray called the meeting to order at 8:03 am. Dariel Haggerty will record minutes for this meeting.

Role of SAC is to follow the School Improvement Plan and update the living document with the school's current information

- SIP was explained and discussed. Parents stated that they would like to hear from the school Department heads about their instructional goals and needs for the new school year and kind of assistance they need from SAC. Ms. Gray said these Goals will be discussed the Literacy leadership meeting chaired by the Principal and that the outcome will be shared with SAC.

Minutes:

Fran McMahon motions to approve the minutes of May, 2018, with the following corrections, none. Motion was seconded by Luisa Kupka and passed.

Business:

1. Mr. Cecil Principal's report:

Goal: SEL -Social Emotional Learning, include strategies etc. to help students, each department is going over a section of activities
iCARE- Instruction, Curriculum, Assessment, Remediation and Enrichment
Integration of Tech-increase use of Canvas
Would like to try one on one laptops, try 6th grade, possible roll out in January 2019. Would like to have in conjunction with no backpack school.
-Battery life?
-no internet at home
Safety and Security greatly improved this year. Hired Mr. Axel
Down about 20 students which equals @\$50,000. Possible schedule changes
Asking for permission to look at options for scheduling next year
Motion was made to examine options into alternate scheduling for next year by Robin
Discussion
-Advantages-move students only 3x a day, more time in class, more elective choices, less classes a day.
Disadvantages-less time with students, teaching attention time, missing a day is magnified.
Fran 2nd the motion, vote was taken by voice, all yes, no no's or abstentions
Single point of entry to start building in December 2018

2. Fran McMahon-SAC

Work with teachers and set goals and monitor goals
Help with programs

Parents and community involved in decision making

Need SAF and PTA members

PTA meets tonight- will have someone tonight

3. Sharon Murray-BTU

Vote passed for extra tax

Haven't heard yet about contract negotiations

4. Mr. Desruisseaux-Title I

Title I Budget for 2018-2019 was set and approved last in Q4 of last school year by the Title I department. Money is usually allocated by October. Title I did provide 173 laptops to the school last year. These laptops are now fully deployed in the classrooms.

We are looking for 2 parent volunteers to represent the school in Title Parent Seminar. We can have more people and they can take turn attending these seminars. Mr. D. shared the Title I Training Workshop with SAC. Mr. D. requested help for attendees in recruiting parents to attend these workshops.. We also requested help from PTA to seek volunteer parents for these workshops. PTA will discuss this matter in all of their meetings to seek volunteers. Mr. D will regularly provide update workshop pamphlets to PTA.

We need to have more dialogue from parents, more inputs from parents and more parental involvement. On the first week of school, The Title I package including the Parent Compact, Information dissemination, Parents right to know, and other important Title I documentation was sent home with each student. The School Compact must be returned to the school with parents' signature. So far, we are on track to achieve the required minimum 80% returned.

Last year, we have seen a small rise in parent's attendance of our main Parents Night event. For this year, we need help to get more parents to participate in the Parents Night event. PTA will support our attendance effort through a community outreach program. All PTA activities will be tied to Title I activities to get better coverage and exposure for parent involvement. The Student Success Night is currently planned for November 2018.

All school meetings involving the community must have a flyer, agenda with proper Title I title. Mr. D. explained the SIP Title I Addendum. The key discussion focused on how to increase parent participation. According to the parents in attendance, the students that need our help the most have parents who seldom get involved in any school activities including but not limited to PTA, SAC, Parents/Teacher Conference due to many issues including transportation, language, job schedule,... PTA asked for Title I sign-in sheets and sample agenda so that they can include Title I topics in their meetings on and off campus.

5. Ms. Gausmann-Discipline

Going over last years reports and finding ways to improve our score. We had an 88.5 last year.

6. Officer Bator-Security

Questions or Concerns about safety and procedures?

Thank you for doing so well with new procedures to make us as safe as we can be

7. Ms. Mandatta-Student Government

There will be a vote in October for officers

8. Robin Reccasina-Nature Center

After school nature quest "sustainability", Ms. Petersen runs and works with the Nature Center

Borrows animals and uses the curriculum

Gala-Moonlight Majgic- Marriott Heron Bay-Nov. 10

Heather, new volunteer coordinator-use online applications to volunteer

No New Business

Next Meeting Date & Time:

The next meeting will be held on October 3, 2018 in the Media Center.

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion: Dori White motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:58am. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Dariel Haggerty,

Secretary of SAC

Approval Date: _____