

Gator Run Elementary
SAC Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2018

Ms. Angela Davis called the meeting to order at 2:25 pm.

Approval of August 2018 Minutes:

Alejandra Caban made a motion to approve the minutes. Melissa Lopez seconded it. The minutes are approved.

Principal's Report (Mr. Peters):

Budget

The budget for the current school year has been completed and is currently in the black. Gator Run Elementary has also been approved for a covered walkway for the portables. Construction is expected to begin this current school year.

Assistant Principal's Report (Ms. Saba):

Nothing to Report

Assistant Principal's Report (Mrs. Brown):

Nothing to Report

Information from SAC Co-Chairs Ms. Davis and Mrs. Grasinger:

Purpose of SAC

School Advisory Council (SAC) is a school-based group intended to represent the school, community, and those persons closest to the students that shares responsibility for supporting the school's continuous improvement. SAC is responsible for making final decisions of preparation, implementation, and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan (SIP) as well as the school's annual budget. Broward County Public Schools Strategic Plan is also a part of this. The goals of this plan include ensuring effective communication, continuous improvement and high quality instructions throughout the schools.

FACE

Family and Community Engagement (FACE) is a program designed for families to be full partners with school staff and members of the community in the work of supporting and sustaining excellence in the Broward County Public Schools. The goal is for families to feel welcome, valued and respected, for there to be two-way communication and relationship building with families to meet changing family and community circumstances, and for there to be opportunities for family support and development through the family partnership process.

Social and Emotional Learning

Social and emotional learning (SEL) provides the structure and process for adults and students to develop fundamental emotional and social competencies and experiences to: understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. The mission of Broward County Public Schools is to make SEL an essential part of the curriculum.

New Business

Bean Stack

Ms. Hollander introduced a computer program called “Bean Stack”. It allows students to digitally log books that they have read. Students can earn badges for the books that they have read and is a way for students to also write reviews of books to recommend to their peers. This program can be accessed both at school and at home through Broward SSO. An app for tablets is coming soon.

Positive Behavior Plan

The kick-off to our new positive behavior plan began with “Start With Hello Week”. This idea was created by Sandy Hook representatives to encourage kindness by simply walking up and saying hello to someone new. Students were given the opportunity to find new friends that they had things in common and participate in kindness pranks around the school. As a follow up to this, students will be introduced to the “Awesome Plan”. They will be able to earn awesome tickets by showing acts of kindness towards peers, adults, the school, and our community. Classes will collect the tickets in a class bucket and when they have filled their buckets with kindness, the class will earn a party. There will also be an Awesome Meter posted in the hallway to encourage students to keep the kindness going.

School Birthday Treats

A concern was brought up as to the amount of sugar that is given to students at school. It was suggested that students not be allowed to bring treats to celebrate their birthdays because of the negative impact it could have on their learning and health. Students tend to not eat their lunches and eat the sugary treat instead. Being healthy and making healthy food choices should be encouraged in the same way students are instructed to treat each other with kindness and respect. Some thoughts on this matter included celebrating birthdays with non-food items or even something small such as mini food items instead of larger portions. Others felt as though bringing treats during lunch was a way for students to celebrate their birthday with their friends, especially if they are not having a party. It was also discussed that the choice to participate in birthday treats should be left up to each individual parent and those parents that decide to opt out of allowing their student to have a birthday treat could provide an alternative snack for their child.

This discussion led into teachers giving out treats as incentives in the classroom. It was decided to have further discussions on both topics at the next SAC meeting.

Next SAC Meeting

Next SAC Meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2018 at 2:20pm.

Meeting Adjourned

Ms. Angela Davis adjourned the meeting at 3:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Morse, SAC Secretary.

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SAF Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2018

Angela Davis / L.T. Chatman called the meeting to order at 2:25pm.

Approval of May Minutes

Alejandra Caban made a motion to approve the minutes. Katrina Gomez seconded the motion. The minutes are approved.

New Business

Weston SAF Meeting

The calendar for the 2019/2020 school year was discussed. There are two suggested start dates: August 14, 2019 and August 19, 2019. Voting will be taking place in the near future. Cyber security was also a topic. Currently, at Gator Run Elementary, cyber security is only taught in third, fourth, and fifth grade. There is discussion to increase that to include all grade levels. The next District Advisory Meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2018, at 7pm. It will be held at Fort Lauderdale High School.

Next SAC/SAF Meeting

Next SAF Meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2018 at 2:20pm.

Meeting Adjourned

Ms. Angela Davis/Mr. L.T. Chatman adjourned the meeting at 2:41pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Morse, SAC Secretary.