



## Sunset Lakes Elementary School SAC Meeting Notes 11/28/18

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 5:36 PM by Ms. Hudson.
2. Introduction. Introductions of members and guests.
3. Glades Middle School Presentation-Introduction by Mr. Charpentier and Presentation by Mr. Ricardo Santana, principal of Glades Middle School. This is Mr. Santana's third year at Glades Middle.
  - a. Advice: Do your homework and research to make the best decision for your child. The middle school experience is very important. The transition from elementary to middle is very important b/c the middle school experience is very independent and different than elementary.
  - b. The Three P's. Pride, Passion and Purpose
  - c. Pride—want school and community to have pride in the school. Glades is an A rated school. The VAM data for Glades was in the 80% percentage for all groups of children. This shows the growth of the children and the strength of the teachers
  - d. Passion and Purpose—School was an anchor for Mr. Santana since he was born in PR and his parents were not able to help with a lot of his education. His heart is to serve the students. He wants the kids to have as many options as possible.
    - i. It is a 6-12 model. The programs start in sixth grade and continue through high school. So kids can take coding, robotics, band, chorus, orchestra, global scholars, drone clubs, PE,--many other electives are also available.
      1. Want to connect the kids with something they are passionate about. They learn leadership and teamwork.
      2. The expectation is that there will be exceptional academic results. This is the purpose of the school.
      3. There is a full time child counselor at Glades. What looks like a disciplinary infraction is often really an emotional issue for kids. There is a Cougars Care program to help the 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The building has been redesigned so that the 6<sup>th</sup> graders are in one portion of the school on one floor all together. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are in the other 2 buildings and on the second floor.
      4. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, the kids are grouped into groups of 120. They are grouped into teams and they have the same English, Math, Science, Social Studies teachers for their core classes with their "team".
      5. Staggered entry and dismissal for the kids so that the 6<sup>th</sup> graders start at different times so that they are with other 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - e. Cambridge Academy/Cougar Path is a program that focuses on advanced academic opportunities for high achieving and hard working/highly motivated students.
    - i. The kids start to take high school classes in 7<sup>th</sup> grade (Art, Algebra, Spanish I, Spanish II, Biology, Peer Counseling). If you have an academically motivated child or a highly motivated child, this might be for them. There is not a hard and fast rule for getting into the program. Kids who start in Cougar Path sometimes do not continue on the Cougar Path for all three years, and some students apply for 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but not 6<sup>th</sup> grade.





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- ll. Through engineering and robotics, kids can get specialized opportunities as well. Glades offers a Microsoft Office Certification for students.
  - f. For kids with IEPs, there are different options. There is a support facilitator for every grade who ensures that the IEPs are being met. This person moves up with the grades, as do the guidance counselors and the assistant principals.
    - l. There is a learning strategies class for kids who need to have some additional help in these areas.
  - g. Glades is always open for tours. There are scheduled tours on Tuesdays and Thursdays and parents are always welcome to come by any time.
  - h. Bullying is a concern for parents-but there have only been two cases of bullying this year at Glades. This is one of the lowest rates in the entire county. One was founded and one was unfounded. There is an atmosphere of trust at Glades. There is zero tolerance for bullying at Glades.
    - l. There is a school resource officer and three campus monitors who monitor safety.
  - i. In the spring, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders go to Glades to see what the school is like. In the summer, the kids will get to go to Glades to walk the "route."
  - j. 6<sup>th</sup> graders have their own lunch and they sit at an assigned table.
  - k. There are 6 classes, 52 minutes in length and they go to each class every day.
  - l. In the spring, a registration packet goes to each kid at SLE to register for classes. There are initial registrations, but once kids get into Glades, the classes can be changed to make adjustments based on how kids are doing.
  - m. There will be a coding camp and a robotics camp and a band camp at Glades next year.
4. Review of Minutes from October and November. Motion to Approve by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Garcia.
5. School Recognition Funds
  - a. The A+ Recognition Funds have been divided and that money has been given to the staff. Mr. C. thanked the Committee for their work on getting this
6. SAC Meeting Schedule
  - a. February 27<sup>th</sup> needs to be moved to February 20
  - b. March 27<sup>th</sup> will be moved to March 20 because of Spring Break.
7. Holiday Cheer-
  - a. Review of Holiday Shop event and procedures. Encouragement for Volunteers.
8. Testing Going on Now
  - a. The iReady diagnostic tests are next week.
9. Summer Camp; There will not be summer camp at SLE this summer b/c it does not make fiscal sense for the school because of enrollment.
10. A/R Reading- discussion of A/R test program. The program is designed for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, but SLE includes kindergarten in the program to encourage kids to read.
11. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.