

SAC Minutes for Friday March 8, 2019

Call to Order-8:33 a.m.

Approval of February 2019 Minutes

- Motion to approve: Mrs. Fondren
- Second Motion: Mr. Goldberg
- All approve

Current Budget:

- Accountability Funds- \$14, 733

5K Update-Mrs. Fondren

- 10th Annual 5K Run will be on Sunday, April 28th at 7:30am
- The cost is \$35 per runner and includes a race bag with a 5K T-Shirt
- Register at WestgladesMiddle.com
- Thank you to all the sponsors

Testing Update-Mr. LaRosa

- Westglades Middle School Testing Calendar is posted on WMS website
- 6th Grade FSA Writes is paper base on Tuesday, April 2nd
- 7th Grade FSA Writes is computer base on Monday, April 8th
- 8th Grade FSA Writes is computer base on Tuesday, April 9th
- Make-up testing dates will be posted as testing dates get closer
- Resources and practice materials are available on school website

Stakeholder Survey

- A survey will be sent out for our council members to fill out in regards of the School Improvement Plan (SIP).
- A follow up email will be sent out with the link that will take you directly to the survey.

School Update-Mr. Bianchi

- "Singing Tree"-a mural that was added to the side of building one
 - Our Equality Club, Advanced Arts and Drama students collaborated with Laurie Marshall, an artist from California to draw a Singing Tree Mural, which is a worldwide art initiative that adds to a positive school climate using creativity, collaboration and innovation.
 - WMS is the 75th tree added to the Global Singing Tree Forest Project
- Multicultural Fine Arts was successful
 - Thanking Mrs. Grant and Heron Heights Elementary school for organizing this great event and all participants.
- Literary Fair Winners-Mrs. Crisan and English Language Arts teachers
 - Twenty-three students will compete in the District Literary Fair

- Science Club-Ms. Haynes
 - Our students won first place in the South Florida Regional Energy Whiz Contest.
 - Students will compete in the State Competition
- Math Team-Mrs. Cheira
 - Math Counts Competition
 - Four students finished 3rd in the District out of sixteen schools
- VEX Robotics Team-Ms. Haynes
 - Students won the Amaze Award at the February's Robotics Education Competition
 - Robotics class participated in the National competition and ranked 3rd in the nation.
- Engineering Students
 - Students participated in designing process to solve real-world problems such as: Egg Drop Challenge, Free-Fall Design and Control Your Landing.
- Facilities
 - Awning work was started from the back of building three down towards the portables; there will be coverage for when it rains.
 - Awning should be complete by this summer 2019
- SMART Bond
 - We only had 160 votes total from faculty and parents
 - We are required to vote again because our votes were not enough compared to the number of student enrollment population
 - Another parent link will be sent out for re-voting, demonstrating due diligence as a second attempt to get more parents to vote.
- Elementary Articulation
 - Course cards have been passed out to all the Elementary schools
 - Course cards will be sent out to parents on Friday, March 8th
 - New on the Course Cards
 - ROTC Program is returning next school year
 - Student Placement
 - We are not taking teacher recommendation this school year for student placement.
 - Students will be placed in their core academic classes based on (2018-2019) 5th Grade FSA scores
 - Parents are allowed to fill out a parent preference form to change student placement.
 - GEM Test is district based
- Parent Night-Wednesday, March 6th
 - Incoming 6th Graders
 - Course Card information was shared with parents
- 8th Graders
 - Stoneman Douglas visited on Monday, March 4th to finalized 8th grade course cards for high school schedule.

- Safety & Security
 - Ballistic Protection installation has been completed
 - Fence Quotes
 - We are currently working on breaking fence quotes apart in order to start the fencing process in portion.
- Safer Spaces icon was marked in most classes by the district.
 - We still have more classes to add the safer space icons
 - Safer Space icons were not added to common areas such as: media center, cafeteria, rooms that have two doors for example our portables and science rooms will not have the safer space icons added.
 - District will return to add safer space icons in those specific areas after evaluation is completed.
 - Safer Space will depend on the threat in every situation.
- Book fair will start next week March 11th-15th
- Band Fitting will start next week with the incoming 6th graders for measurement
- Early Release-March 21st
- Spring Break for students start March 22nd
- Active Assailant Training for teachers will be on March 22nd on teacher planning day.
 - We will have counselors on campus to support teachers.

Parent Concerns:

- Safer Space
 - Are students aware of the safer space and that they should not post pictures of safer space icon on social media?
 - Mr. Bianchi-Safer Policy was shared with teachers and staff on procedures to follow.
- Safe Haven report discussed-Mr. Bianchi took the initiative to review the Safe Haven report at KC Wright Administration Building.
- Code Red-anyone can call a Code Red
 - Mr. Bianchi-talked to staff and faculty to use whatever they can to call for an emergency i.e. cell phones to call security in case of an emergency or any code in the event of an emergency. Teachers can push the emergency button in their classroom.
 - There is a possibility that the district will give each teacher a two-way radio.
 - Concerned that students are not trained how to call for an emergency in the class if the teacher is unable to call for help.
 - Mr. Bianchi will train students on how to call for emergency in the event the teacher cannot call for help and add to our school policy.

Next Meeting April 12th and May 10th at 8:20am

Adjourned: at 9: 29a.m