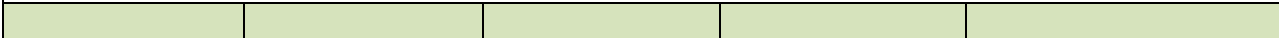


WESTGLADES MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM ("SAF")		February 17, 2017	
		8:30 am	
		11000 Holmberg Road, Parkland, FL 33076	
Attendance: M. Bianchi; J. La Rosa; A. Cook; A. De La Rosa; C. Hylton; B. McKenna; S Tephford-Rush; J. Montalto; J. Wolfe			
SAF Co-designee (J. Wolfe) welcomed all. The Minutes of the January 20, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.			
MINUTES			
Agenda:	WMS SAF BYLAWS		Presenter: J. Wolfe
Discussion:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed previously distributed draft of the WMS SAF BYLAWS Motion to approve WMS SAF BYLAWS as presented – S. Tephford-Rush B. McKenna – second WMS SAF BYLAWS approved. 			
Agenda:	North Area Advisory Council (NAAC)		Presenter: J. Wolfe
Discussion:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of Minutes (1/19/2017) and Agenda (2/16/2017) attached and distributed to WMS SAF 			
Agenda:	Student Drop Off Pick Up		Presenter: M. Bianchi
Discussion:			
<p><u>Issue:</u> A dialogue was initiated on poor etiquette being exhibited in the Drop Off / Pick Up Car Loop located on the east side of the campus. Examples of poor etiquette include (i) blocking vehicles; (ii) vehicles without drivers left idling; (iii) vehicles with drivers idling for extended time periods; (iv) drivers not pulling all the way to the end of the loop to drop off students; and (v) students being dropped off in the parking area and crossing traffic in the Car Loop – with limited visibility from car loop drivers.</p> <p><u>Plan:</u> Mr. Bianchi will follow up with the SRO and representatives from the WMS PTA to review safety recommendations that have been implemented in the past as well as new initiatives. Some alternatives suggested by SAF Parent members include (i) posting information on proper car loop etiquette on the WMS web page; (ii) handing out flyers to vehicle drivers during afternoon pick up with information on proper car loop etiquette; (iii) including information in a WMS PTA email blast on proper car loop etiquette. It was also suggested that WMS distribute for all parents a map of the campus vehicle areas, including the appropriate access for visitor parking, car loop and restricted bus loop areas.</p>			
Agenda:	Bicycle Safety		Presenter: J. Wolfe
Discussion:			
<p><u>Issue:</u> A dialogue was initiated on safety concerns with students leaving the bicycle storage area at the end of the school day and riding into the traffic lanes of the car loop. A problem arises as drivers in the car loop are not expecting bicycles to leave the sidewalk and enter the roadway. The students are leaving the sidewalk in order to avoid pedestrian traffic.</p>			

Plan: Mr. Bianchi will consult with the SRO for assistance on this issue. Additionally, SAF Parent members suggested the following thoughts: (a) incorporate bicycle safety messages into the flyer being planned for car loop “best practices”; (b) bicycle safety announcements in school.



Agenda: Door Locks (Portable Classrooms) **Presenter:** J. Wolfe

Discussion:

Issue: A dialogue was initiated regarding unlocked portable doors. The policy is that the doors are supposed to be locked and Mr. Bianchi will follow up with the school administrators to remind all teachers and substitute teachers of the policy.



Agenda: Security Desk **Presenter:** A. Cook

Discussion:

Security Desk and Parent Drop Off of Student Items

Issue: A dialogue was initiated on the parents dropping off items for students and the consequent disruption to classes. It seems to be a recurring matter with a small group of parents.

Plan: WMS Staff will look at installing a cabinet or other storage devise in the Security Office Area. Students will need to be responsible for retrieving their own items. Note: A similar protocol is in place at Stoneman Douglas in order to address the same challenge.



Agenda: Cross Walk(s) Coral Ridge Drive **Presenter:** B. McKenna

Discussion:

Cross Walk Area(s) at Coral Ridge Dr. & Holmberg Rd. | Coral Ridge Dr. and Heron Bay Blvd

Issue: A dialogue was initiated on safety concerns related to pedestrians and bicyclists crossing Coral Ridge Drive. While the students are using the cross walk areas and cross walk lights, drivers are not yielding to pedestrians already in the cross walk and/or entering the cross walks. Several near accidents have been witnessed by parents or reported in social media. There are no crossing guards assigned to these areas.

Plan: The two intersections are technically located in the City of Coral Springs. Mrs. Tephford-Rush will contact Coral Springs Police Department to advise them of our concerns. Additionally, Mr. Bianchi will reach out to a Broward Schools representatives to review alternative options to improving safety.

Follow-Up: Coral Springs Police have reviewed the timing on the lights and confirmed that the traffic signals and cross walk signals were in sync. [Thank you Mrs. Tephford-Rush for the excellent follow up.] Based on this feedback, the safety issue is a driver problem and not an equipment problem.

Recommendation For Consideration: A PSA announcement from the SRO for the student body to be viewed in class with the intent to educate students to be more vigilant at traffic intersections.



Meeting Adjourned @ 9:00 AM

Respectfully submitted by: J. Wolfe

