

SAC Agenda for Friday Oct. 13, 2017

- **Call to order: 8:14 AM**
- **Review and approval of September 2017 Minutes**

Motion to approve: Mr. Allison

Second: Mrs. Tephford-Rush

All approve

- **Review of SAC Composition and Vote—Niebla**

-Westglades is in compliance; the member composition matches the school demographics.

-The ESE and ESOL representatives were not selected last meeting; Mrs. Niebla opened the floor for nominations. Carol Hylton agreed to be the ESE representative, and Kara Cobb agreed to be the ESOL representative.

-There is change for the Gifted representatives; Tammy Rittman will be co-representative with Dana Gaines, instead of Elisha Johnson.

• Motion to approve: Mrs. Tephford-Rush

• Second: Mr. Allison

• All approve

- **Review SIP and Vote; Self-Assessment Results**

-Our school improvement plan has 4 pieces to support students, teachers, and stakeholders.

-Best Practice 1 – relates to PLC's (Professional Learning Communities); teachers collaborate, share best practices, and student data to ensure student success.

-Best Practice 2 – relates to RTI (Response to Intervention) and MTSS (Multi-Tiered Support Systems); meetings are held with various stakeholders to provide support to students who show low performance or poor attendance, etc.

-Best Practice 3 – relates to our internal and external relationships; our school is continuously working on improving communication with families and the community through events, such as Barnes and Noble Night, Parent Resource Night, etc.

-Best Practice 4 – relates to our annual school goal and how our school can improve each year; our focus is the lowest quartile in math and ELA.

-The ASSIST Self-Assessment results – relates to 5 standards, which identify (for example setting goals); assess (for example using USATestPrep); support (for example providing resources); and improve (for example analyzing data) student success.

Motion to approve: Mr. Allison

Second: Mrs. Tephford-Rush

All approve

- **Current Budget/Accountability Funds**

-\$4,608.00 for professional development; \$6,279.50 for student needs

- **A+ ballot**

-SAC has to develop the proposal; Westglades has always split the funds with everyone who has worked for 50% or more of the year; the ballot must include the option of "none of the above." Once SAC approves, teachers will vote; it must be approved by the majority, 51%, to proceed with A+ funding.

Motion to approve: Mrs. Tephford-Rush

Second: Mr. Allison

All approve

- **Scheduling Process—Mr. Bianchi**

-Leadership Literacy (department heads) expressed interest in exploring another schedule.

-Step 1 is to inform SAC of exploring scheduling options.

-Step 2 is to inform the faculty (faculty meeting) of the different options; there are many middle schools who have adopted alternate schedules in the district; the faculty has to vote first to explore scheduling options.

-Step 3 is to inform PTA (parent groups).

Mrs. Rioux asked how it has been working for other schools.

Mr. Bianchi will ask administrators, teachers, and students who have adopted an alternate schedule for feedback; he will explore options and form a committee, which will be made up of faculty members; the committee will conduct research.

Parent concerns: students are too young to stay organized and remember the schedule; Douglas took a long time before adopting block scheduling, and at our school the decision seems to be moving quickly; parents should vote on this, or parents should be surveyed; some middle school students do not have the attention span.

Mrs. Hunschofsky suggests that it is a good idea to explore options and stay open to new approaches; trust teachers.

Mr. Bianchi points out that teachers would be trained, and there are many of pros and cons that will be examined when making this decision.

Mrs. Tephford-Rush wants to know what are next steps and how are parents involved.

Mr. Bianchi says that he will find out what the parents think; parent input is important; the committee is made up of faculty members, however he will look into parent participation.

-Step 4 is to share with SAC (at the next November meeting) which will be the options that will be presented to the faculty.

-Step 5 is to have the faculty vote; 80% of the faculty must vote, and it must pass by 66 and 2/3%; the schedule would be established for 2 years. The new schedule would be effective for the next school year, 2018-2019, and the time frame for completing steps 1-5 is December.

• **School Update—Mr. Bianchi**

-The cross-country meet was last night; it was the last event; Mrs. Arriola said that 199 males and 168 females (from 44 schools) participated; Connor Greep placed 4th (time: 12:23) and Sabrina Fortney placed 10th (time: 15:07). WMS placed 2nd. It's our first year participating in this event.

-Soccer boys and girls have a game tomorrow and are undefeated.

-On November 9th, the golf team will play.

-Class size is running 90%; hired a reading teacher; ESE aide; 20 teachers are teaching an extra period.

-During the space planning meeting, the departments talked about space with the projected increase of 100 students per year coming up; we have 3 relocatables coming – they'll be here next year; they are coming out on Wednesday with architects, looking to where to place them and the awning/overhang to join the portables with the building; we are also looking at connecting (building an awning for) the 3 newer ones, which is going to be a process because of the electrical.

Parent concern: Is portable 16 going to get fixed?

Mr. Bianchi says that it will get fixed, but other schools who got hit harder by the hurricane are priority.

-On the parent pick up side (by Douglas), we are getting cone bars that cannot be moved for the students' safety.

-A text went out about before and after school supervision, from 8:45 am to 4:15 pm. If teachers need a student, that's a supervised arrangement, but students cannot be dropped off without supervision. It is a safety concern.

-A major safety drill will be coming up. We will keep parents a little bit updated, but we will limit information, so that the drill will be effective; in next few months, we will be looking at an off-campus evacuation.

-Westglades offers 20 clubs (21 with the Tech Club coming soon); the information on the handout, such as meeting dates and club description, has been updated by Mr. Oneal; clubs help students stay involved and interested in school and the community. Students have many opportunities available; students may be involved in clubs, sports, and/or academic organizations.

Parent concerns: Can the school describe the clubs, to explain to students and parents the club goals? How does a student join a club? Is it too late to join a club?

Mrs. Stratos and Mr. Bianchi explained that each description is on the school website; students just show up to the meeting to join a club; it is not too late to join a club.

-Parent community involvement meeting, to build partnerships between the government and the community, will be on November 1 at Indian Ridge (off Nob Hill) from 7:00 to 9:00 pm; they are looking for community partners.

-Mrs. Fondren's update on the Talent Show: it's on November 3rd at 7:00 pm; many teachers and staff will be dancing; the tickets will go on sale soon for \$10.00. Cans will be collected for the Harvest Drive.

-Picture make-up day is coming up on the October 17.

-The Harvest Drive is coming up.

-Heron Heights is having a Halloween party on our campus. It is positive to have elementary school students on our campus; this is a step leading to the elementary-middle school transition.

-Fall book fair is coming up, starting on October 30th.

-Parent Resource Night is coming up on November 2 at 6:30 pm; resources in math and language arts will be shared with parents; partners will be here; FAU will come out for an overview of how to prepare for the future/planning. As an incentive for parents to attend, a math homework pass will be issued for attendance.

- **New Business**

-Mrs. Gaines and Mrs. Rittman went to the gifted meeting; it covered more high school-related topics. They had a lot of promotions for programs. There are middle school students taking college-level classes; look on the website for more information. There is a schoolboard workshop on October 23; there is discussion of having an all gifted school. The next gifted meeting is on November 9th.

- **Next Meeting November 17, 2017**

- **Adjourn: 8:55 am**