

**POMPANO BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)**

**Minutes for  
February 12, 2019**

- I. Welcome and Introductions  
Ms. Thompson- Irwin welcomed everyone and the meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.
- II. Reports - Ms. Thompson-Irwin
  - a. School Advisory Chair
    - i. Approval of January 2019 Minutes  
It was motioned to approve by Ms. McKeever and second by Ms. Escobar.
- III. Old/New Business - Ms. Thompson-Irwin  
School Improvement Plan (SIP) - Mid-year reflection  
Based on our SIP, parents were updated on the completion of the Mid-Year Reflection, documenting our progress.
- IV. Principal Update – Ms. Braziel
  - a. Single point of entrance. A temporary placement of the fence was installed to drill holes and will be up for a few weeks as we await the permanent fence.
  - b. Renovation will take place in the summer with the bond money. Due to construction, there will be no Summer Camps at our site.
  - c. MSD - Per district guidelines, there will be limited movement on Thursday and Friday. Field trips and school activities are canceled. At 10:17 a.m. on Thursday, there will be a moment of silence. Our students will be requested to participate in "Heart of Kindness" by writing a positive message on a cut-out heart or a letter of appreciation to a person who had a positive impact on his/her life.
  - d. On Friday, we will be hosting an appreciation breakfast for our first responders. A call-out will be made to parents to make them aware of the breakfast and the number of first responder's vehicles in and around the school.
  - e. Eight grade changes - Students are more settled due to the split lunches.

- f. The majority of our 8th grade students attended the Junior Achievement “JA Inspire” this past Friday.
- g. iCan - We were one of six schools to receive a grant that will allow our students next year to participate in academies. (Arts & Humanities, Business, Robotics & Engineering and Health and Wellness). Course cards will be given to current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students, as well as students at our feeder elementary schools. Ms. Braziel explained all students will be placed in an academy and will wear uniforms based on their chosen academy. iCan academies will give all students the opportunity to explore different career paths. Students will also have an opportunity to take courses at Blanche Ely High School.

V. Curriculum Updates – Mr. Mitchell, Ms. Thompson-Irwin, and Ms. Braziel

1. Math – GEM and advanced students working on iReady and Khan Academy. Reminder that tutoring sessions are still being offered Tuesday and Thursday 4:00-5:00 pm for all levels and grades.
2. Social Studies – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students are starting the Living Wax Museum project. Date of event - TBD. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students who pass their citizenship Study Island lesson with a 70% by 2/13 will be invited to play in a kick ball tournament on 2/21 (Early Release) after lunch. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students attended a career fair at Junior Achievement Park on Friday and were able to talk to vendors from 40 different career choices.
3. Science - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade is focusing on EOC. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers are co-teaching with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. The Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) scores showed a lot of potential where students have a strong chance of doing well on FSA Science. Parents were informed their child BAS scores can be accessed using Virtual Counselor.
4. Magnet Elective - Elective teachers are utilizing Vocabulary.com. Students can access on phone. Please encourage your child to participate. The Debate Team did well at the last competition in January. We are waiting on the rescheduled date for February's competition.
5. Language Arts - I-Ready for 45 mins weekly. Students will do post-test on 2.4 and 2.5 standards in March. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade FSA Writing – April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

VI. Announcement – Ms. Thompson-Irwin

- a. February 14 - MSD Day of Remembrance
- b. February 15 - First Responders Breakfast
- c. February 15 - Club Pictures
- d. February 20 - Student Government Dance (4:00 - 6:00 pm)
- e. February 21 - NJHS School Clean-up
- f. February 22 - Dental Sealant Program
- g. February 22 - Spring Pictures
- h. March 13 - School Choice/Magnet Notification Status
- i. May 1<sup>st</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> day of FSA testing
- j. May 31 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance
- k. June 2 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Assembly at Pompano Beach High. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards - TBD

VII. Questions/Concerns/Suggestions:

- a. Parent inquired about the Math curriculum, and asked what she can do at home. Ms. Braziel explained that we have 3 new math teachers, so we are working with them to help bridge the gap of the math curriculum as much as possible to help students get ready for FSA. Parents were informed of the pathway that iReady creates to show students their weaknesses and plan for success.

Our next School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.