

Banyan Elementary 2018-2019 School Advisory Council

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Principal- Dr. Eric T. Miller

Assistant Principal- Mayra Hernandez

SAC Chairperson- Daughn White

Meeting Minutes

Date – October 17, 2018

Time – 6:30

TOPIC

DISCUSSION

Welcome / Approval of Minutes

D. White welcomed all SAC members.

D. White

Parent volunteers are still needed to fill the following positions: Innovation Zone Representative (must be a parent) and an ESE representative (i.e., must be a parent of an ESE student at Banyan). Our SAF Chairperson is April Ballzanti and our ESOL representative is Yanika Motta. Yeah!!!

More parent involvement is needed, so continue to encourage other parents to attend our SAC meetings.

Dr. Eric Miller

Dr. Miller shared the district data review questions and answers that were provided for them on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. Dr. Miller provided a detailed presentation on the data review for our school. The focus for the next district visit, in January, will be on Grades Pre-k to 2nd, specials and ESE.

Dr. Miller also discussed the Bond money and what we are planning to use it for. New carpet will be purchased, and the boys' and girls' restrooms will be updated. We are still waiting on a company to win the bid to provide us with a new marquee. The company who originally won the bid is not in business anymore. Our roof also needs to be redone and 2 companies came to check out the school's roof. Before the winter break, our primary playground should be completed.

Questions, Concerns, Comments

Question 1: What is being done for kids who don't test well, but know the curriculum taught in class? Ms. Hutchinson explained that in 3rd Grade, Keystones are being used as an alternative form of testing. It consists of multiple-choice questions and performance tasks. Additionally, every grade level has alternative assessments and interventions in place for promotion criteria.

Question 2: Are teacher observations by administrators scheduled in advance? Dr. Miller explained that only the formal observations (which lasts 30 minutes or longer) are scheduled in advance with the teacher. The informal observation (which lasts about 15 minutes) and

the walk-throughs (which lasts about 5 minutes) are unannounced. In addition, administration has a habit of frequently walking thru classrooms, at least 2 or 3 times weekly.

Question 3: How often does Banyan have SAC meetings? We meet every 3rd Wednesday, except Holidays or days the school is closed. Our next meeting will be on November 28.

Question 4: Why is our school website not updated more frequently? Mrs. Rachel offered to assist Dr. Beckwith with the website but didn't hear anything from her. Dr. Miller promised to speak to Dr. Beckwith, so contact could be made with the parent willing to assist in updating our Banyan's website.

D. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Ms. Oliver seconded it. The motion passed.