

**Sanders Park Elementary Magnet School
School Advisory Forum Meeting (SAF)
December 12, 2017
Agenda**

- **Welcome**
- **Introduction of SAF Composition**
- **Increase SAC and SAF Involvement**
 - **Suggestions**
- **District Advisory Meeting Minutes (i.e. attached)**
- **Questions/ Concerns**
- **Adjourn**

“A child educated only at school is an uneducated child”.
—George Santayana

District School Advisory Meeting Minutes December 6, 2017 @ 6:30PM

BCPS personnel - presented information about Pinnacle and ParentLink app. He shared that parents of 3rd through 5th grade students now had the capability of reviewing their children's grades through the ParentLink app, based on what the teachers' had input into Pinnacle.

BCPS personnel, of the Bilingual ESOL Department presented information about the Bilingual Programs at 41 schools, where students are taught in English and Spanish, or English and French (at Tedder Elementary) throughout the day, from Kindergarten to 5th grade in order to support the Superintendent's initiative for bilingual, literate students. Students who graduate after going through the program graduate with a diploma with a bilingual certificate. The world languages criteria for entering a Florida college was discussed. The district currently offers 10 foreign languages at different schools. We are working with Florida Virtual and Broward Virtual for Pathways to BiLiteracy and offer other languages, like American Sign Language online, Swahili, etc. to graduate more students with a seal of biliteracy. There will be a presentation at the board workshop in February to present this to the board.

A parent asked a question about what the process is to ensure the school bus drivers have valid licenses, as there was an incident with a driver whose license was expired. BCPS responded that there should be a fail-safe in place for transportation to ensure all drivers are licensed appropriately.

Parent Community Involvement Task Force - met to discuss how to increase community engagement at all levels (multilingual and other ideas were discussed). Deerfield Beach is the first innovative zone where this is being piloted. March 10th is the next parent engagement conference at Piper High School. Next meeting is January 22nd at McFatter from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Wellness meeting - meet every other month. Some schools place unwanted food on a sharing table, which is not allowed because of microbial viruses. Even packaged food cannot be put to the side. Miami Dade and Palm Beach have food sharing tables. There needs to be discussion about whether this can be allowed or not. They discussed students who were hungry and placing apples in the backpack.

The last "bullying bill" was discussed - go on myfloridabill.com to view the cartoon about bullying. Any student who is subject to an act of violence and four steps are taken and parents are not satisfied with the outcome, parents can elect to take public funds (scholarship) to attend any school (Private, Charter, Religious, etc.)

In November of 2018 there will be a re-examination of Florida's Constitution which permits amendments to be proposed without petitions by 37 members (hand-picked appointees). They have already proposed quite a few amendments for the ballot. One is for school board members to only serve two terms (for a limit of 8 years). #4 talks about using public dollars for private, religious institutions, seeking a repeal for tax payer dollars to religious institutions.

A question was posed regarding getting parents to Tallahassee. Mrs. Levinson shared that the Superintendent and Board discussed starting here in Broward County to inform the community, culminating a massive parent trip to Tallahassee next year. They are going to gear up and hopefully, as a district and state, combat what is going on against public education. We are trying to get parents informed and educated to rally parents. A student group was started and is being put together. Broward Days is February 7th and February 8th. Rally to Tally is also around that time to take the students to Tallahassee.

Title I had their monthly meeting yesterday. We have nine new members. We are working diligently with our adult center. There have been major concerns with that. Please come out January 28th at the Signature Grand from 8:00am to 2:00pm for adults.

Advisory Chair Mini-training in January for Central Area, February for North Area. Flyer for Principals is being designed and will be sent out on PIVOT.

The next Area Advisory Meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2018 at Coconut Creek High School at 10:00am.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:33pm.