

Coral Springs Middle School
School Advisory Council
Minutes
October 23, 2024
8:00 AM
via Microsoft TEAMS

- I. Call meeting to order (8:04 AM)
 - a. Approve Minutes from previous meetings
 - a. Mr. Wong motions to approve August minutes; Mrs. Geraci seconds.
- II. Introductions
- III. Department Reports
 - a. Social Studies – Mrs. Opthof
 - i. Social Studies Department have completed our first data chat. We used the FAST PM 3 Reading scores to identify additional supports needed for our struggling readers and enrichment opportunities for our highly proficient students.
 - ii. Our department was tasked with three mental health mandates this quarter. Students received lessons on Resiliency Education related to Trauma, Suicide Prevention, and Mental Health.
 - iii. Our first Civics District CFA took place on October 11th. The assessment included all the benchmarks covered thus far up until the Articles of Confederation. All three civics teachers report that they are close to being on pace with the district pacing guide. Data chats among the civics teachers are underway.
 - iv. Rock the Mock Vote coming to CSMS. Students will participate in a mock presidential election on Nov 4th through their SS classes. We are using an edited ballot, and results will be shared by BCPS.
 - b. Math – Mr. Creary
 - i. Our classes are working on making sure the students understand the content as much as possible while also trying to keep up with the pacing guide.
 - c. Language Arts – Mrs. Geraci
 - i. Teachers are finishing up Data Chats with students, looking at the PM1 scores and goal setting for PM2 and beyond. Students are taking ownership and finding value in their scores by thinking about what skills they need to focus more on. Overall, in grades 6th, 7th, and 8th our average score on the PM1 reading is a couple of points away from proficiency at level 3.
 - ii. To ensure that students are being exposed to all the ELA standards each grade level is fully immersed in the Into Literature textbook. Grade 6 is in Unit 4 – Looking Through an Animal's Eyes, where all the pieces of literature, poetry, and informational text focus on animals and what we can learn from them. Grade 7 is in Unit 2 – Take Control. This Unit focuses on literature, poetry, and informational text with a theme that revolves around how our actions define us. Finally, 8th Grade is in Unit 2 – The Thrill of Horror. The texts in this unit focus on horror and the essential question is “Why do we sometimes like to feel frightened.”
 - iii. Teachers are also working on writing standards in class focusing on informational and opinion/ argumentative writing.
 - d. Reading – Mrs. Kraut
 - i. In the Reading department we are under way with our small group instruction. All students have been assessed and the teachers are differentiating their small groups based on the previous mentioned data. Currently, we are giving the Interim assessment, having data chats with the students, and moving groups around based on skills they need remediation on.
 - e. Science – Mr. Locke
 - i. In December, Trohatos, Thomas and Valentine will be participating in the seed program. The program is a six week, once a week program where someone comes in to teach about sustainable energy. Science is moving along working on completing the quarter 1 exam. Performance matters will be rolling out soon for all future test taking. HOSA is finally registered as an official chapter and 18 kids will be working on choosing their competition projects today to compete in February. We need to get our dues paid by the end of this month. \$30 per kid.

f. Electives – Mr. Dadas

i. **6th grade Coding Fundamentals:**

- a. We started the 2nd Module of SHARK AI and they are learning how to classify shark teeth.
- b. Invited Mrs. B in to present on tobacco for Red Ribbon Week. The students are completing a follow-up activity on their learning (either a poster, rap, or comic strip). These will be showcased around the school.
- c. In addition to our curriculum, we are going to be adding the opportunity to earn a certification in a digital tool "PowerPoint" using GMETRIX. Students will be starting GMETRIX this week.

ii. **6th Grade Creative Writing:**

- a. Currently working on entries for the MLK Literary Contest. Our entries are in the form of essays, short stories, poetry, comic strips, one-pagers, etc.

iii. **Creative Writing:**

- a. Students are working on the MLK annual literary contest for Coral Springs. The theme this year is "Footprints to Freedom: Walking in Peace, Love, and Kindness." They are writing poetry, short stories, essays, children's books that reflect theme.

iv. **Golf Club:**

- a. 6 top scorers will compete today (Wednesday, October 23) for the MSAA GOLF TOURNAMENT. Location: Coral Springs Country Club from 9:00-4:00.
- b. Golfers:
 - i. Dalia Marmane
 - ii. Madison Eldred
 - iii. Valentina Vendrell
 - iv. Mario Marcano
 - v. Carter Polk
 - vi. Daniel Ramirez

v. **Debate:**

- a. 8 students received medals at last month's competition. This month 34 students competed today (10/22) at our 2nd competition.

vi. **Band:**

- a. We just had an awesome first concert of the year, and our **Marching Stallions** are gearing up for the **Universal STARS Macy's Day Parade** and the **Coral Springs Holiday Parade** in December. **Drumline** will be visiting Eagle Ridge on Halloween to participate in their annual Halloween Parade.
- b. Students are also working hard on All-County audition material, and we've got extra help sessions after school for those looking to improve their skills.

vii. **Theatre:**

- a. Drama is gearing up for our annual district competitions. We are presenting 25 events with about 40 students. 25 of our advanced thespians are competing in an additional one act play. We are rehearsing lines, creating props, designing and sewing costumes for A Year With Frog and Toad the musical. While we are not previewing this play, we will have a one-night performance in December that will be open to the public. Stay tuned to the school website for more information. In the meantime, please keep us in mind as you clean out our closets, and attics. We are always looking for donations of unused crafts, costumes, paint, toys, and board games. We will also take your old sheet and towels.

viii. **Business Computing:**

- a. Mr. Creary's Class is continuing through the PowerPoint lessons for 6th grade. 7th grade is doing the same in Device Management and Configuration. We are requesting real computers with windows (5), a backup tape drive, and a server to create a real server-client network to practice what we are learning.

ix. **Art:**

- a. Contour Drawing and Personal Monograms

x. **Yearbook & TV:**

- a. Theme Selection and Friday Feature Stories

g. Guidance – Mrs. Hilmer

- i. 70 active ESOL students

- ii. Equity is starting a student led program on campus in addition to the “no place for hate” campaign.

h. ESLs – Lopez

- i. We have a few new people in our department this year

- a. Ms. Gordon

- b. Ms. Coffee

- c. Mr. Smart

- d. Ms. Schneider

IV. New Business

- a. A+ money brief conversation was held to preliminarily discuss how the funds might be split.

- b. District and State Testing for the 2024-25 School Year

- c. School accountability funds: Current balance: \$21,424.00

- a. Pending requests (Mr. Dadas) \$6,930.00

V. PTA – Mr. Anderson

- a. We've had more generous partners and parents than in the past.

- b. Banners are going to be going up soon.

- c. The book fair was postponed due to the hurricane, but we still don't know when it will be rescheduled.

- d. No PTA meeting for this month but.

VI. Safety/Discipline/Attendance Report

a. Argent

- a. August 28, 2024 – October 22, 2024

b. **Attendance:**

Grade	Excused absence	Unexcused absence		
6	275	118		
7	340	180		
8	414	222		

c. **Discipline:**

Grade	Highest Frequency Infractions
6	Unruly Disruptive
	Insubordination
	Defiance of Authority
7	Cell Phone
	Disobedience
	Unruly Disruptive
8	Unruly Disruptive
	Defiance of Authority
	Tardiness

d. **SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY INCIDENT REPORTING (SESIR): 8/12/24 – 9/30/24**

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bullying/ Harassment		1			

Fighting	1	1			
Physical Attack		2			
Threat/Intimidation		1			

- i. Level I - Most Serious: Aggravated Battery* Arson, Homicide, Kidnapping, Sexual Battery
 - ii. Level II - Burglary* Drug Sale/Distribution, Physical Attack, Robbery, Weapons Possession*, Sexual Assault*
 - iii. Level III - Disruption on Campus, Drug Use/Possession, Hazing, Fighting, Larceny/Theft, Sexual Harassment*, Sexual Offenses (Other), Threat/Intimidation*, Trespassing, Vandalism, Other Major Offenses
- b. Principal's Report – Slesinski
 - a. PM2 will mirror PM1 with a few minor changes to the schedule
 - b. Facilities: The roof is being actively repaired
- VII. Next SAC meeting is 11/20/2024 @ 8 AM
- VIII. Motion to adjourn by B. Opthof at 9:08 AM; seconded by A. Locke