

# Westpine Middle School

SAC Minutes – February 3, 2022  
Cafeteria and Teams @ 6:00 p.m.

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## Meeting Attendees:

Please sign in at each meeting for SAC and SAF

## Meeting Called to Order:

A meeting of the Westpine Middle School Advisory Council was held in the cafeteria on February 3, 2022. The meeting was called to order by SAC Co-chair, LaSondria Young, at 6:06 p.m.; seconded by Geneveve Barnes. **In the SAC Secretary, Jennifer Roberts' absence, Kassie J. Kesneck will record the minutes for this meeting.**

## Minutes:

- Ms. Young made a motion to approve January minutes; seconded by Ms. Lemonier

## Old Business:

### SEL Rewards:

- Ice cream to reward students
  - o **Mr. Johnson asked PTO if they could provide the funds for this reward**
- Monies for the Science curriculum is needed for the Biology EOC preparation program.
  - o Ms. Young makes the motion to purchase science materials
  - o Mr. Johnson gave a thorough explanation for the need of the Biology curriculum materials.
    - **SAC members unanimously voted to purchase the materials for the science program in the amount of \$1200 (who made the motion?)**
- Protective Window Film for School Safety
  - o Mr. Johnson explained the need for the window film in case of an active threat.
  - o The cost is less than \$2,000
    - Cindy Jagne made motion to approve to pay for the window film using the accountability funds.
      - The SAC unanimously voted to use the funds towards the security window film
- Ms. Young spoke about unified dress code and Broward County dress code

## New Business:

- SAC Bylaws
  - o A motion was made to approve the SAC bylaws; seconded by Ms. Barnes.
  - o **I wasn't sure what to put here, I didn't have anything about by laws in my notes**
- SAC Membership and Attendance Verification was presented by SAC Co-chair, Ms. Barnes.
  - o Attendees should always sign in for every meeting they attend.
  - o We are still in need of a parent for Gifted to complete our composition.
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
  - o No Report
- Verizon Innovative Learning School (VILS)

- Students and staff are encouraged to take good care of their devices. Should it go missing, it must be reported to the school immediately.
  - Ms. Rosen made a presentation to students and teachers this week reviewing rules and procedures for iPad use.
- Ask BRIA
    - **New updated hours of operation: M – TH for 4-6 and 6-8 PM for Science (Is this for all?)**

## Title I

- No Report
- Upcoming Events: Children Literacy Initiative, Zoomfest, STEMfest, Migrant Education, for more info go to the upcoming events link under Title I on the Broward County Schools website.

## Principal's Report

- Student Unified Dress Code
  - Mr. Johnson explains dress code and its impact from COVID on dress-code (unified) and the negative effects on academic progress
    - Interrupting learning to pull kids for dress-code, says he would rather put time and energy into other aspects of the learning environment.
    - Had to pull engaged students out of class simply because of what they were wearing, effected the child's learning.
  - Dress-code concern – making sure students have the right color collared shirt on, etc.
  - Explains he would rather go with Broward County Dress Code and explains what that consists of.
  - The school unified dress code is a policy that should be voted on every 3 years
  - Mr. Johnson discussed how students are changing clothes when they get to school or not adhering without a waiver
    - The question is... why should the student still be penalized if they are still present and attending class?
  - Mr. Johnson asked the parents if this is something, they would seek to get rid of and how the voting procedures include it being presented to the community for a vote on whether or not to continue the Unified Dress Code policy.
  - Parents in attendance share concerns of backless shoes – concerns for safety (active shooter for example) – students in BCPS are permitted to wear backless shoes
  - Mr. Johnson reiterates he would rather put time and energy into something more important
  - Mr. Johnson explained according to the rules, we would need 66 and 2/3rds of parents to agree with decision for BCPS dress code – no more than 1 vote per household (about 660 parents)
  - Parents suggest to maybe attach extra credit to the form being completed by a parent to encourage participation.
- Community
  - Next item for report: Panther's with a Purpose
    - More volunteering with city of sunrise for:
      - Woofstock – NJHS and any other child can volunteer
  - Classic Car Show – February 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Value of community service for students – students can pick times
  - Street Clean Up in March
- Recently, Westpine had a parent night with Mr. Sokol

- Elementary schools were invited
    - Topics included: Teamwork makes the Dream Work and how parents can be more involved in their child's education.
  - Next parent night in March
  - VILS Parent Training coming soon
    - More info will be emailed to parents
      - How To Keep Your Kids On Their iPad for Instructional Purposes Only
  - Mr. Johnson urged parents to check child's phones, social medias, pictures, etc.
- Security Concerns
- Mr. Johnson has received parent concerns regarding the fights on campus.
    - Mr. Johnson says he has reached out to Sunrise Police about concerns at the nearby park and gas station
      - Numbers and stats of fights?
        - Mr. Johnson says he'll pull data from campus fights
    - There has been an increase in behavioral threat assessments
      - Jokes are taken seriously and make up the majority of the number.
    - **Impact of Piper HS concern from parent** (any gossip or talking from students about this?) – No
    - Students are using Fortify FL to report incidents of bullying and inappropriate behavior
- Instruction & Curriculum
- School Data – Mid-Year data results and goals “data is trending in the right direction”
  - Discipline meetings for all grade-levels will be held soon (in terms of behavior, threats, issues in classrooms)
  - 1 point away from a B score
  - Teacher support needed from parents

## Open Agenda

- Parent “8<sup>th</sup> grade Promotional Ceremony and activities?”
  - Johnson replies with hopes of field trip, promotion ceremony, and dances.
  - Ms. Showers explains more details for 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip “Gradventures” (Date of 5/13)
  - PTO/SGA decide theme for dance
- Mr. Johnson explains Academic Improvement Party – attendance of kids, goals, achievements of those students
- Johnson explains that PTO is generating funds for 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities
- Parent asks about after-school enrichment for Saturdays (Ms. Young – I didn't catch what program this was for but know Ms. Young is a part of it)
- FSA Prep/Homework help for all subject areas is currently in progress
- Yearbook cover contest?
  - Johnson will talk to Newton and Matthews for it
- Are we still doing detentions?
  - Yes, it averages 4-5 kids in each group.
  - Mr. Weber mentioned the majority of students in detention are habitually tardy.

The next meeting will be held March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

## Meeting adjourned

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Young; seconded by Ms. Barnes. The motion was unanimously accepted at 7:08 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jennifer K. Roberts, SAC Secretary

Approval Date: March 3, 2022

