

Westpine Middle School
SAF Minutes – January 14, 2021
Media Center

Meeting Attendees:

See SAF Attendance Sheet

Meeting Called to Order:

A meeting of the Westpine Middle School Advisory Forum was held in the Media Center on January 14, 2021. Mr. Brooks called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting on November 5, 2020, were taken as read.

SAF Representative report / Update – Chester Brooks

Old Business:

- No old business

New Business

On-site COVID-19 care

- One health professional on-site
 - o 1 COVID nurse and 1 general nurse

School District Funding

- Based on forecasted enrollment
 - o 1,038 students going down to 1,011 means one class less
 - When you don't meet the requirements, they take the money back
 - Delimit one position
 - o No academic extras
 - o No extra monies

Policy 5.5

- All cameras on!
 - o Teachers are in an uphill battle to get students to comply
 - o Better teacher-teacher relationships can aid in the reduction of backlash
 - o Please have a conversation with your children to turn their cameras on
 - o Cameras help prevent students from not paying attention

Cheating Software

- Encourage your kids to do the right thing. No plagiarism, etc.

District Advisory Meeting (DAC)

- Mr. Runcie's focus was on signage, water fountains, and BCPS work.
 - o Problems with retrofitting of water fountains of no touch fountains
 - o At Westpine, three are being fitted out of 8 at \$1,550 a piece

COVID-19 School Information

- 900 plus cases in Broward Schools
 - o 12 cases occurred in the schools
- Due to the pandemic, 20,000 students are failing versus the normal 8,000
 - o It's going to take a community effort to less the load
 - o Moving to face-to-face instruction
 - There's a big district push for face-to-face instruction for non-engaged and failing students
 - o Vaccinations are needed since less than 6 feet of social distance would be necessary
 - o Until then, teachers have Polycom cameras that follow the teacher around and allow for some normalcy for those in the classroom while those at home can still learn.
- The DAC says only 25% of students have come back to campus and want to push for 60% now
 - Westpine's target is less than 60% to keep up with social distancing, etc.
 - o Mr. Runcie has been speaking with Governor DeSantis about putting education workers on the forefront for the vaccinations
- For FSA testing, maybe a rotating schedule will work or stretching the testing schedule
- 8,650 less student are now enrolled in Broward County Public Schools

Volunteer Opportunities for Students

- Hands-On Broward – Community Service Hours
- Panthers With A Purpose

6000.1 Make-up Work Updated

- Now available on the Westpine Middle website
- Externally suspended students receive the same benefits

Dual Enrollment

- The district cut back on credit hours
- DAC sent to subcommittee for review

Open Forum

- Mr. Brooks asked about the 6 school families in need to see if a need still exists.
 - o Mr. Johnson responded how the school was able to feed more than 6 families, receiving two bags plus gift cards per car
 - o Will continue to work with the social and may possibly have a food drive
- Mr. Brooks thanks Mr. Johnson and his team along with the partnership with piper high School.

Meeting adjourned

- Motion to adjourn was made by made by Ms. Barnes; seconded by Mr. Johnson at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Jennifer Roberts