

Westpine Middle School

SAC Minutes – October 4, 2018

Media Center @ 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Attendees:

See SAC Attendance Sheet

Meeting Called to Order:

A meeting of the Westpine Middle School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on October 4, 2018. SAC Co-chair Geneveve Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Halley. Jennifer K. Roberts will record minutes for this meeting.

Minutes:

Ms. Pearl motioned to approve the minutes from September 13, 2018; seconded by Ms. Barnes.

Old Business:

1. National Security Officer Appreciation Week
 - a. The week was successful as staff and students showed their gratitude and appreciation for the safety our security officers bring to the school.
2. SAC Bylaws
 - a. School bylaws was voted on and approved unanimously with 19 member votes.

New Business

1. Mr. Francis, Westpine's Security Specialist, spoke about safety issues around the school and what has been put in place to address them.
 - a. Students are required to wear student IDs as part of their uniform every day.
 - b. Students dismissal pathways will change once the construction is completed.
 - c. Strategies were given on how to reach their students.
 - d. Still working on parent drop-off issues
2. SAC Composition Report
 - a. All position have been filled, except for ESOL Representative
3. College Tour
 - a. The finalization of the trip is underway
 - i. The 1-Day South Florida Tour is open to all Advanced Academic Academy (A3) students in grades 6-8 and is limited to 100 seats.
 - ii. The 3-Day Central Florida Tour will be February 20th-22nd is open to all 8th graders and limited to 50 seats. Seats are limited on this trip due to safety.
4. Upcoming Events
 - a. Westpine's "Fun Run" will take place on October 18th. Flyers will be sent out soon.
 - b. Technology Parent will take place on October 23rd from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 - c. The Book Fair will take place beginning October 22nd through October 26th from 8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - i. The hours will be extended to 6:00 p.m. on Technology Night
5. Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
 - a. We have begun to infuse and roll out professional developments to reach and teach the "whole" child.
 - i. SEL Parent Toolkits, videos, and conversation starters are available.
 - b. We have opened the **Panther's Den**, which is part of our good behavior reward system. Staff members are given tickets to recognize students for "Pawsome" behaviors and students are placed in a raffle for a chance to have lunch in our awesome game room with two of their friends.

- c. The LEAPS curriculum has been infused in our internal suspension program to encourage a change to positive behaviors and thinking.
6. Title I Parent Suggestions for Parent Workshops
 - a. Continue Active Parent Training
 - b. Conflict Resolution
 - c. Social Media Safety and Responsibility
 - d. Math Strategies Night
 - e. ESOL Parent Night
 - f. Dads in Education
7. SMART Bond
 - a. Feedback is needed on the School Choice ballot
 - i. Members voted unanimously on the two choices on the ballot –19 votes

Principal's Report

1. Mr. Runcie's Letter – Marjory Stoneman Douglas (MSD) Public Safety Act
 - a. Code Red drills will take place once a month
 - b. Fire drills will take place once a month
2. Upward trend of investigative comments made by students is up
 - a. Be aware, all dangerous comments made by students will be investigated and may lead to a second degree felony
3. Piper High School
 - a. Big Brother Big Sister mentoring program will commence beginning October 15th with Nu Alpha Theta Math Club
 - i. The students actually came to help the students today to work with small groups
4. After-School Tutoring
 - a. Westpine tutoring will begin on October 9th and October 23rd from 3:30 – 4:30 with 20 – 40 students.
 - i. Some students will be identified for mandatory attendance, but all students are welcome
5. Increase in Free/Reduced Lunch Percentage
 - a. This determines amount of funds the school receives
 - b. This means an additional \$21,900 for the school
 - c. This allowed for seven additional classes to be created
 - d. Two new electives have been created as a result, which includes Digital Media with Ms. Roberts
6. Book Fair
 - a. Volunteers are greatly needed
7. Harvest Drive
 - a. Will take place in November
 - i. We will collect gift cards and food
8. Piper High School dorm collection – TBA
9. Mr. Johnson asked PTO for replenishment of \$1,500 for general activities fund and it was granted

Meeting adjourned

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Barnes; seconded by Ms. Halley. The motion was carried unanimously at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jennifer K. Roberts, SAC Secretary

Approval Date: October 11, 2018