

Westpine Middle School

SAC Minutes – January 14, 2021

Cafeteria and Teams @ 6:00 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 January 14, 2021. The meeting called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Halley. Jennifer K. Roberts will record minutes for this meeting.

There is no quorum present; therefore, this is an informational meeting.

Minutes:

- Minutes were reviewed by the stakeholders present

Old Business:

- No old business was presented.

New Business

- Piper
 - o Piper presented the programs they offer to incoming students to those in attendance. Some topics discussed, included:
 - Career Pathways
 - Fine Arts Program
 - Other academic programs
 - Skill and trade programs
 - Individualized Education Plans and requirements for college
 - Cambridge program
 - Piper's principal led the original program
 - Ninth graders would be allowed to take up to 3 courses
 - June 21st – Virtual Cambridge Night
 - February 25th – Piper Palooza
- Mi-Year Reflection
 - o Mr. Johnson explained the mid-year reflection to those present

Principal's Report

- Florida Standards Assessment (FSA)
 - o At this time, we are still not sure what it is going to count for.
- Mid-Year i-Ready Diagnostics
 - o This will take place schoolwide between the literacy and math departments.
 - o Testing dates will be from January 11th to January 29th
 - o We need to continue to talk with our children and students regarding the seriousness of test

taking and data.

- Broward Standards Assessment (BSA)
 - This will occur in February for Math and Science to determine the progress students have made.

- FSA Testing and Dates
 - FSA Writing – April 6th
 - Paper -based FSA – May 4th and 5th
 - End of Course (EOC) – ay 3rd – May 28th
 - Currently, there no plan as to how students will come in for testing
 - Maybe, have half home and half virtual during testing days
 - Mr. Johnson will send out testing dates to the community when everything is conformed

- COVID-19 at Westpine Middle School
 - As of right now, there has been 0% transmission at the school.
 - All positive cases have come from the community
 - However, the YMCA is closed due to an employee positive with COVID-19
 - Mr. Johnson, the principal, will continue to communicate all COVID-19 information to the community
 - Currently, there is litigation between the Broward Teachers Union (BTU0 and the school board
 - At the teacher level:
 - Mr. Johnson stated that he is doing the best he can to calm the fears of the returning employees whose accommodations have ended.
 - There are policies and procedures in place to keep everyone safe.
 - At the student level:
 - The COVID-19 situation has had a major impact on student’s grades and emotions.
 - A resiliency task force has been put in place by Mr. Sokol to check on struggling students
 - These students were identified and given an extra boost through our Winter Academy
 - According to the data, we took a total of 134 Fs down to 7 Fs
 - We will continue to track these students on the interim reports for 3rd quarter
 - Calls are made regularly to check on students’ emotions
 - We have a volunteer mentoring program comprised of 10 students
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Academic Improvement Party
 - Motivational Assembly

- Verizon Innovative Learning School (VILS)
 - We have officially received word that Westpine Middle has been granted this program,
 - This is a great example of collaboration and teamwork across the school

Open Forum

- Eighth graders will join a presentation for magnet programs available across Broward Schools
- Yearbooks are in. The Yearbook is waiting to receive a timeline as to when this year's yearbook will need to be submitted.
- Picture day for this year's yearbook will take place February 1st and 2nd
- Sports and clubs have started
- Ms. Halley asked if masks were free to students who do not arrive with one or theirs breaks or falls off and the answer was yes
- Mrs. Patterson asked how many students showed up when schools opened.
 - o 135 students showed for the 1st two quarters
 - o Phone calls are being made for struggling students to return
 - o According to Mr. Johnson, we've had up to 191 students present on campus . Only 186 showed up today.
 - o Due to the increase in the amount of students we will be moving from 3 to 6 lunches.
- Mrs. Patterson also brought up the upcoming Title I Annual Parent Seminar
 - o This year it will be virtual
 - o There will be keynote speakers
 - o The event will take place January 30th and you must register by January 22nd.
- Von H. asked how scheduling will be done this year
 - o According to the school administration, it will still be done by students receiving course cards and will also be based on their performance this year.

Meeting adjourned

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Roberts; seconded by Ms. Halley. The motion was carried unanimously at 7:17 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jennifer K. Roberts, SAC Secretary

Approval Date: February 4, 202

