

Westpine Middle School

SAF Minutes – March 5, 2020

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 March 5, 2020. Mr. Chester Brooks called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting on February 6, 2020, were taken as read, and Mr. Halley motioned for the approval; seconded by Ms. Hernandez

SAF Representative report / Update – Chester Brooks

Old Business:

- Report from Mr. Brooks, the SAF Designee

New Business

- The Central Advisory Meeting will be held on March 13, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at South Plantation High School.
- The Gifted Advisory meets every 1st Wednesday of the month. The next one will take place at Plantation High School at 7:00 p.m.
 - o Nominate a gifted teacher to attend
 - o Get invited and get recognized.
 - o The deadline is March 16th. Please go to giftedadvisory.com for more information.
- Naviance
 - o Parents have a separate sign in account apart from the child.
 - o Parents are not allowed to change student information
- BRACE Cadets
- Students can get paid \$500 to get trained to talk to the community about Naviance and available scholarships. The pay increases the longer they stay.
- Every 8th grader must graduate with a career and education course
 - o A C-TACE class can fulfill this requirement
 - o If a student fails one class, a student can no longer participate in dual enrollment.
- There was a Central Advisory Council meeting on February 21, 2020
 - o Its focus was on mental health
 - o Christine Falco discussed psychological issues and depression in boys (ages 11-14) and how a transition camp is available to help. They've shown to make a significant difference.
 - Social media is part of the culprit in this epidemic.
- Piper Shadow Tour
 - o This is taking place on March 9th. For those who registered, parents will drop off their students at 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. The Piper school bus will bring them back to Westpine.
- Upcoming Events
 - o District meeting – March 11, 2020
 - o Central Area Meeting – March 14, 2020

- Health & Wellness Fair
- STEEM Fest occurred at the Executive Airport.
- Title I is dropping the ball on communicating their events to the public and community
- District Exemption of Exams
 - AP/Cambridge/IB – no exceptions.
 - This appears to be a big issue. More time is needed to study this issue.
- All parents are invited to the Executive Parent Advisory Council (EPAC) meeting
 - Match 12, 2020 – Meeting on Mental Health and the Impact of Drug Use at the Title I building

Open Forum

- No comments or concerns

Meeting adjourned

- Motion to adjourn was made by made by Mr. Brooks; seconded by Ms. Halley at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Jennifer Roberts