

Westpine Middle School

SAC Minutes –March 5, 2020

Media Center @ 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 March 5, 2020. SAC Co-chair Lasondria Young called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Halley. Jennifer K. Roberts will record minutes for this meeting.

Minutes:

- Mrs. Lasondria Young motioned to approve the minutes from February 6, 2020; seconded by Ms. Lemonier.

Old Business:

- No old business to discuss

New Business

- Mr. Joey Carter is Westpine's new Security Specialist
 - o He was unable to make tonight's meeting but will be introduced at the next meeting.
- SMART Bond Budget Presentation
 - o Ms. Apollo presented how our SMART bond has been utilized to improve Westpine Middle School
- Best Standards Assessment
 - o With this new assessment, the results will come back in just one week.
 - o The Civics EOC is still mandatory
 - o Teachers have yet to be trained on the standards
- Customer Service Survey
 - o The survey will be disseminated between March 2nd and April 30th
 - o It must be comprised of at least 20% parents, 40% students, and 60% staff
 - To aid in completion of the survey, to increase parent participation, students will receive ice cream as an incentive thanks to PTO
 - o The survey can be found on the Westpine Middle School website at <https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/130076/p568>
 - PTO will donate \$101.40 to purchase ice cream as an incentive for students whose parents complete the survey
- SAC By-laws Review
 - o After a collective review of the by-laws, a few minor changes were suggested and referred to Mrs. Young for changes.
- Westpine Middle's Positive Behavior Plan
 - o Mrs. Guzman and Mrs. Patterson volunteered to give parent input on the plan
 - Mr. Johnson would eventually like to open a school store where students can retrieve prizes, similar to students earning Panther Paw tickets for the Panther's Den.
 - Based on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS)

Principal's Report

- Mayor Ryan visited students at Westpine to speak to the minority male mentoring group and to Civics classes.
 - o The students were highly engaged in the conversations with the discussions using high order questioning techniques. The mayor also discussed the new adjoining park and how laws work.
- Naviance
 - o Students must complete a 5-hour mandatory training from the district

- Westpine Law Club
 - o For anyone interested, Mr. Calloway, one of our Language Arts teacher, will be the sponsor of Westpine's new law club next school year.
- Our girl's mentoring group is meeting with Piper High School and are involved in the "Kindness Campaign."
 - o This group is called M.E.A.N., which is a community kindness program at Piper High School. At the end of the year, our students will attend a Mean Girls' performance.
- Summer Transition Camp
 - o Westpine will continue the Summer Transition Camp, "Soar and Explore," after having such great feedback from the students and parents. This camp is led by Mrs. Young and is a Science project-based learning (PBL) camp.
- Course Cards
 - o Course cards will be going home with students soon. Please be on the look out for them.
- Cambridge International Parent Night
 - o The date has not been chosen yet. We are currently in the process of deciding which classes will be a part of the program. The program will be offered in all three grade levels. A3 students will automatically roll over.
- Elementary School Visits
 - o Westpine will begin visiting feeder elementary schools on March 19th. There will be a pep rally for incoming 5th graders at a date to be determined.
- School Budget
 - o We have begun phase 1 of meeting for next year's school budget
 - o There has been consistent growth every year in student enrollments.
- Foreign Language Program
 - o Interviews are currently underway to replace Mrs. Hochman for Spanish as she has recently retired. As of right now, the students have a Spanish speaking substitute teacher.
 - o At this time, students have a choice as to whether or not they would like to complete in the district competition
- Upcoming Event Dates
 - o March 9th – Piper shadowing for incoming students
 - Please register with Piper. A bus will be sent to pick up the students.
 - o April 2nd – Piper Zone Parent Meeting with a Naviance Rep @ 11:30 a.m.
 - o April 2nd - FSA Writes
 - o April 16th – Cambridge Information Night (8th graders only)
 - o April 23rd – District Advisory Meeting @ Indian Ridge

Open Forum

- Mrs. Guzman is running for City Commissioner for the City of Sunrise
- Panthers with a Purpose - **Project Rock** needs 25-30 volunteers for the next project by Friday.
- Please speak with your kids about the new rave of tripping each other on purpose. Please let them know it is a suspendable offense.
- Mrs. Guzman stated that students who volunteered all year long, will receive a special gift from PTO. Any student is eligible.

Meeting adjourned

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Young; seconded by Ms. Halley. The motion was carried unanimously at 7:11 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jennifer K. Roberts, SAC Secretary

Approval Date: March 5, 2020

