

Westpine Middle School

SAC Minutes –September 3, 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 6:10 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 March 5, 2020; seconded by Ms. Halley.

Old Business:

- Mrs. Showers, 8th grade administrator, submitted the positive behavior plan by the April 30th deadline.
- The SAC Nominating Committee was selected.

New Business

- **What is SAC?**
 - o Mrs. Young gave an in-depth explanation as to what the School Advisory Committee (SAC) is and what it stands for.
- SAC Officers for the 2020-2021 School Year
 - o Lasondria Young, SAC Co-Chair
 - o Geneve Barnes, SAC Co-Chair
 - o Jennifer Roberts, Secretary
- SIP Bylaws
 - o Will be reviewed and approved at the October 1st meeting.
- SIP Plan
 - o Westpine is still waiting on district guidance as well as parent input and feedback before beginning the work for the 2020-2021 School Improvement Plan
- District Initiative
 - o School-wide implementation of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) must take place in all content areas on a regular basis.
 - We're working on getting an SEL curriculum called Character Strong approved by the district
 - o This online program is easy, quick and user friendly and keeps the students fully engaged in learning traits such as showing kindness, showing gratitude, etc.
- Title I
 - o Our Title I Liaison for the 2020-2021 school year is Jasmini Naraine
 - Her email is jasmini.naraine@browardschools.com
 - o We are in need of 3 parent volunteers to attend monthly required parent seminars and report back to the group during SAC meetings.
- Best Practices
 - o Parents can set alerts on Gradebook to keep them abreast of their child's progress.
 - o Parents can find grades and teacher feedback through Course Progress in your child's Canvas courses.

Principal's Report

- Welcome Mr. Weber
 - o Mr. Weber is Westpine's new 7th grade administrator.
 - o Mr. Kirk got the principalship at Ramblewood Middle School
- **Status Quo & Progress**
 - o Overall, the school staff has been great considering the circumstances and some are getting there.
 - o Parents are emailing Mr. Johnson with positive shout outs to the staff for the great job they are doing.
- Parent Conferences
 - o They will begin the week of September 14th
- New Guidance Counselor
 - o Per the district, we now have a new guidance counselor by the name of Mr. Stockell. He is at Westpine to provide additional support for social emotional and academic needs.
- School Programs
 - o Cambridge is a philosophy
 - Mr. Johnson gave an explanation of the Cambridge program and what it provides for all involved.
 - o Project-Based Learning (PBL) is real-world application
 - o P.E. is not using the HOPE program.
- Preparing for the Florida Standard Assessment (FSA)
 - o The Student Assessment & Research Districtwide Testing Calendar is now available for the 2020-2021 school year.
 - o The Broward Standards Assessment (BSA) will take place from January 11, 2021 – February 5, 2021 for Math, Reading, Civics, Biology, Algebra, and Geometry.
 - o The Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners (ACCESS) test will occur January 25, 2021 – March 18, 2021
 - o FSA Writing Test takes place April 5, 2021 – April 9, 2021
 - Will provide computer and paper-based accommodations
 - o Spring FSA for Math, Reading, Civics, Biology, Algebra, and Geometry in the window from May 4, 2021 – May 30, 2021
- Parent Message via Parent Link
 - o Mr. Johnson sent out a message to parents regarding having a conversation with students about taking ownership of their learning,
 - He also addressed high school credit courses and camera warnings and the effects of non-participation in class
- After School Programs
 - o After school services and enrichment opportunities will be provided soon
 - o If you are interested in YMCA's aftercare program, please call Mr. Evam Arnett at (305) 761-7831
 - o Clubs and academic tutoring will begin soon
- School Uniforms
 - o A uniform freeze has been placed for the entire school year, but students are still expected to follow the School Board of Broward County dress code.

Open Forum

- Next meeting will take place October 1, 2020 via Teams at 6:00 p.m.
- Parents, please complete the SAC survey

Meeting adjourned

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Young; seconded by Ms. Halley. The motion was carried unanimously at 6:57 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jennifer K. Roberts, SAC Secretary

Approval Date: October 1, 2020

