

Westpine Middle School

SAC Minutes – September 2, 2021

Cafeteria and Teams @ 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Attendees:

Please sign in at each meeting for SAC and SAF

Meeting Called to Order:

A meeting of the Westpine Middle School Advisory Council was held in the cafeteria on September 2, 2021. The meeting was called to order by SAC Co-chair, Lasondria Young, at 6:09 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Jennifer K. Roberts will record minutes for this meeting.

Minutes:

- May 2021 Minutes were motioned for approval by Mrs. Young; seconded by Mr. Howard

Old Business

- There was no old business

New Business:

- Mrs. Young reviewed the purpose a School Advisory Council.
- Westpine's school security for this year was confirmed and introduced, which includes Mr. Scott Axtell, the security specialist and Officer Izquierdo, the school resource officer.
- Mrs. Young discussed the importance of attending SAC meetings regularly and signing in
 - o To make our SAC Composition complete, we still need a parent for each of the following categories:
 - ESE _____
 - Gifted _____
 - ESOL _____
 - IZone _____
- Mrs. Young reviewed the School Advisory Committee (SAC) bylaws
- Stakeholders were notified what a School Improvement Plan (SIP) is, its importance, and where it can be located
 - o Mrs. Young asked for a review of the plan and parent feedback.
- Ms. Roberts explained what Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is, the district initiative, its significance and how the strategies are being implemented in the classrooms.
 - o Students engage in a Moment of Silence and continue with an SEL activity during the first 10 minutes of class

Title I

- Ms. Kesneck, our Title Liaison, discussed the upcoming Title I events and workshops and encouraged parents to visit the Broward Schools Title I website page for more updates.
- She also discussed the upcoming Title I Annual Public meeting and made the parents aware of the right to get involved.
- Ms. Kesneck went on to discuss the parent compact and what it entails when it comes to school performance, expectations, etc.

Principals' Report

- Operations
 - o Mr. Johnson reviewed the strategies in place at Westpine Middle School regarding the pandemic.
 - Teachers have Teams links for quarantined students
 - This is available for students who are out due to suspicion or have tested positive for COVID-19
 - These students will be marked "Q" in attendance
 - Vaccines and/or tests are only given with parent permission
 - This will be available starting September 13th
 - Surveillance testing will occur for students in athletics twice a week
 - o Mr. Johnson presented the school data and where we currently stand in comparison to the rest of the county by grade, subsections, etc.
 - It is evident the pandemic impacted the grades and scores of schools
 - Only 85% of the students showed up for the FSA
 - Lack of student engagement
 - o This year we have more human resources
 - There are 3 coaches and 2 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) coaches
- Verizon Innovative Learning Schools (VILS)
 - o Westpine is now part of this initiative
 - o It will provide every student with an iPad with 10 GB of Internet per month
 - o Distribution of the iPads will begin on September 13th
 - To receive one, property passes must be signed and returned along with completing the parent/student user agreement and media release form online
- Open House
 - o Will take place on September 9th at 6:00 p.m.
 - An online option will be offered to parents via Teams
- Title I Parent Compacts
 - o Due now
- Upcoming Parent Trainings
 - o Virtual Parent Literacy Training - TBD
 - o VILS "First Step" Training - TBD

Open Agenda

- Some parents and school staff shared some of their COVID-19 experiences and how it relates to how the students are doing in school
- Mrs. Young talked in-depth about how Westpine is not a "D" school
- Mr. Howard asked how parents can help and streamline the process
 - o Parents can attend monthly trainings
 - o Parent communication with the teacher is key
- A discussion ensued about how important it is for parents to communicate with their children.
 - o "Do not let your child go to bed without asking about their day."
 - o Have a dedicated quiet space for your kids
- It was stated by a parent that the teachers at Westpine are beyond phenomenal and have been nothing but supportive.

Meeting adjourned

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Young; seconded by Ms. Roberts. The motion was unanimously accepted at 7:02 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jennifer K. Roberts, SAC Secretary

Approval Date: September 2, 2021

