

Wakulla Middle School
School Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2017

The SAC meeting was called to order by Sandy Byars, chair. The minutes from the November 2016 meeting and the agenda for today's meeting were unanimously approved by all members present. Mrs. Byars announced that the minutes are also posted on the school website after each meeting.

Mrs. Byars introduced Mindy Silcox to the committee. She is taking over the Parental Involvement committee from Lee Peck. Mrs. Peck is no longer working for the Wakulla County School Board as she has a new job with the State of Florida.

Committee Reports

1.) Parental Involvement – Mindy Silcox, chair

WMS currently has 147 volunteers and has logged 829 volunteer hours to date. Ten volunteers were on campus today to proctor the FSA ELA Writing test.

2.) Reading – Becky Thomas, chair

- Thirty students recently attended the Wildcat Readers' Donut Party for reading 11 SSYRA books. The next reward will be lunch at El Jalisco for students who read all 15 books.
- The 2nd nine week's AR Goal was an ice cream party during 7th period.
- The school has a goal of reading 500 million words by the end of the year. If the goal is reached, Mr. Griffin will wear a red and black tutu to the end-of-the-year basketball game against RMS.
- Mrs. Thomas still has some yearbooks for sale. Please encourage students to buy one.

3.) Language Arts – Lesley Jamison, chair

- Writing Blast was completed this week. It was an intensive skills review time for the FSA ELA Writing test.
- WriteScore data was used to plan instruction.
- A follow-up training was done with Dr. Oropallo prior to the Writing test. ELA teachers looked at writing samples, grading procedures, and tips for the best way to help students prepare for the FSA ELA Writing test.

4.) Math – Melanie Rentz, chair

- Math Blast is coming up after Spring Break. Teachers will use this time as last minute prep for the FSA Math exam.
- Several math teachers made requests to the Math committee as follows:
 - 6th/7th grade math teachers would each like a copy of the *Common Core State Standards* book.
 - 8th grade teachers would like a class set of *Geometry Nation* books.

- 5.) AVID – Tolar Griffin (for Josh Sandgren, chair)
Plans are being made for this summer’s AVID Institute. The focus will be “Close and Careful Reads” and “Interactive Notebooks”. The District is paying for 6 teachers to attend. Mr. Griffin is trying to raise additional monies to send more teachers. No decision has been made as of yet as to which teachers will be attending.
- 6.) Student Services – Tolar Griffin (for Catherine Cutchen, chair)
Mrs. Cutchen and Mrs. Bryan were unable to attend today’s meeting due to the FSA ELA Writing test. The committee was informed that they are busy juggling students’ emotional well-being while taking care of “testing season.” Mr. Griffin praised Student Services for their hard work.
- 7.) Science – Charlotte Hoover
 - Mrs. Hoover received requests from 8th grade science teachers for premade slides and cover slips to review for FCAT Science. Mr. Griffin told Mrs. Rentz to have Mr. Peck and Mrs. Lovel get with him about their specific needs. The District has a separate fund to buy science supplies for teachers.
 - 8th grade teachers are using item analysis and FSA standards to review material.
 - Mrs. Lovel is piloting *Kessler Science* and *Science Duo*. *Science Duo* is a resource available on the *Teachers Pay Teachers* website. The standards covered on *Science Duo* is based on Texas’ Common Core, but is very similar to Florida’s FSA standards.

Principal’s Update - Tolar Griffin

- The FSA ELA Writing test was today. He used the following mantra with students, “Don’t worry. You’re prepared.” He felt confident that students were adequately prepared and hoped that they were feeling ready. WMS teachers will continue to be diligent in testing preparation for future tests.
- Small Group Remediation starts March 7. The areas remediated will be Math, Reading, Science, Geometry, and Civics with “Blasts” upcoming.
- Mr. Griffin thanked the committee for the purchase of the new paper cutter and hole punch.
- Pepsi may become a WMS business partner. The school is currently investigating what Pepsi can offer them.

New Business – Sandy Byars

- Mrs. Byars also thanked the committee for the new equipment in the copy room.
- Research is still being done on purchasing a poster maker for the school. She hopes that it will be ordered soon and in place for the next school year.

Adjournment

Charlotte Hoover (Science chair) motioned to adjourn. Melanie Rentz (Math chair) seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Byars
Wakulla Middle School SAC Chair
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