

School Advisory Council
Plantation Key School
September 20, 2022
Location: PKS

Call to Order

5:02 PM by Lauren Dunn

Attendance

Board Members

Lauren Dunn
Mary Ann Goodwin
Katelyn Kalus

Members

Lisa Taylor
Sheila Lange
Lisa Brown
Jessica Serota
Megan Shugarman

Attendees

Monica Horsley
Shannon Catarineau
Amanda Rennie
Sofia Figueredo (student)
Xavier Figueredo
Jo Collins
Chloe Genakos

Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve by Lauren Dunn
2nd by Jessica Serota

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve by Lauren Dunn
2nd by Mary Ann Goodwin

Student Report

Sofia Figueredo

3 Positive Notes

1. Teachers maintain positive attitudes
2. Classes have divisions so students can learn at their pace
3. Great communication from front desk and staff

Improvements

1. Adopt a culture of no homework to free up time after school for fun and extracurricular activities

- a. Extra homework comes from Language arts, math, and science. Overflow work should be enough, not on top of homework. Seems like busy work.
- 2. Lunches need to offer healthier options
 - a. Please put a list together of what you are wanting. We would love to know what students want so we can add it to the menu. All food is prepared in school by staff
 - b. Parents have the option to put in notes what children can and cannot have
 - c. Teachers/Staff will help students (especially younger students) cutting apples, opening oranges, etc.

Teacher Report

Monica Horsley

Grades 3-8 testing going on right now. New testing is FAST. It will be given 3 times a year. 1st testing today. Went pretty well. Helps to monitor progress. FAST testing can be made up next day. We are in the middle of Hello Week. Information found on newsletter, Facebook, and announced at school. Staff putting together in school year activities so parents can prepare in advance. Also trying to make special days not be a burden financially wear a special color, mismatch socks, etc) 1st home volleyball game is tonight. Now charging admissions. \$5/adult, \$3/child. \$1 discount if bought through Revtrack. Link on social media and will be added to the website.

Chloe Genakos

K-2 did star test a few weeks ago. All students on similar curriculum so all ages (K-2) can interact. Parent/teacher conferences underway this week and next.

Principal Report

Can use Revtrack at the door at sporting games. It is instant.

Afterschool programs have been approved. Now hoping to work out bus transportation. Working with CHS to double up on bussing. Teachers bidding to start afterschool programs Mondays and Thursdays.

More information to come as everything gets finalized. Programs chosen will be based on budget.

DRUM class drums for 45 minutes, get snacks and then offer homework & tutoring time. Put on by JOY. Right now, DRUM is offered for 6-8th grade right now.

Week 7 going well. Friday the 23rd and Tuesday the 27th Early Release Days

School SAFETY drills underway. Based on state mandated 10 drills a year. We are in a new building so we are not facing a ton of issues that other schools are facing.

PKS will not be implementing the new bathroom detectors. We are trying to get an alcohol detection flashlight. Looking into getting the ELKS and others to put on an anti-drug seminar for middle school.

Old Business

Still looking to hire sometime to run an aftercare program. Position is listed in several places.

Field trips underway, getting bus transportation will be the biggest issue. We have a bunch of businesses coming to PKS for demonstrations to help eliminate transportation issues. Ideas – walk to 7/11, walk to movie theater??

Rec Basketball – no food will be allowed in the gym.

Need to differentiate between Meet the Teacher and Back to School. Because of covid, not many parents have experienced both to know.

Meet the Teacher – Find out who your teacher is (maybe open this to K only)

Back to School – Elementary school trickled in . Only had one room. Middle school much different. Parents walk through each class, get to see student's schedule. Definitely want to encourage parents to attend.

New Business

We need to address students walking/biking to school in the morning. Students are being careless and parents are afraid of them getting hit, no matter how careful parents are driving. Students not stopping at all or looking for cars when crossing streets (even more concern when time changes and it will be dark).

Parents need to pull up all the way during drop off to avoid longer lines.

Questions

Can SAC meetings be offered via Zoom or another media platform? Some parents are busy and cannot make it but want to be involved.

No. Florida state statute does not allow for anything other than in person. We will brainstorm and see if there is anything else we can offer. Keep in mind, if you cannot make the meeting, the minutes will be posted online. All parents are encouraged to read them and email any questions/comments. Emails will be monitored and answered. Emails will also be addressed during meetings and answers posted in minutes.

Monroe County School District Strategic Plan

Lisa was on this committee. Making sure district does not have any reoccurring issues. Draft is very detailed and covers a lot of information (but still a shortened version)

Suggestions

PKS 8th graders are more than prepared for high school. Whatever PKS is doing to transition them, please keep it up.

Maybe start an academic booster. Generous community. People could make donations based on academics or specific qualifications. Money would be used for school and programs (could be by a class a specific program).

Next Meeting

October 18th, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM by Lauren Dunn

2nd by Jessica Serota