

Plantation Key School
SAC Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2020
5:30 pm | Via ZOOM

The meeting was called to order 5:38pm and done via a Zoom Online meeting.

In attendance: Lisa Taylor, Maida Court, Shirley Wilson, Jessica Serota, Carrie Tudor, Laura Hamilton, Peggie Fabel, Janine Gregg, Kimberly Lowell, Lauren Dunn

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: March 10, 2020 – Tabled until next meeting

Teacher Report: Kim Lowell reported that everything is going well but that it has been a huge transition and most teachers are working 12+ hours a day to make sure their students have the best experience they can. She is excited that she has 100% attendance from her students and they are all enjoying the Google meets.

Principals Report: Lisa Taylor reported that she is surprisingly optimistic with our transition to online learning. There are still tweaks to be made and some platform troubleshooting all things considered things are going well. We have students as young as three participating in online learning. We have 96% attendance, the highest in the district. This is based on students checking in at least one time per day.

Ms. Peggie is still answering the school from her home and is able to direct the calls where they need to go. She has received some new enrollment inquiries from in-district Ocean Studies kids who are graduating from there or who might not want to drive to Key Largo to their new school.

She explained that we are currently slated to be back in school in May 1st but there is great speculation that will change and we will be continuing online school through the end of the school year. If we did go back to face -to-face learning the latest they would extend school would be June 5th. Right now there is discussion about changing the school week to five days instead of four but she is hoping it stays at four because the teachers really need the extra prep time and families need a break.

Lisa also mentioned that the school paraprofessionals are playing a big role in the online learning and assisting students and families within their areas of expertise such as helping with technology issues, English as a second language and more.

She and Maida are working on course selection sheets for the 8th graders moving on to Coral Shores as well as for the incoming 6th graders. Kindergarten round up will most likely be the second day that teachers are back in August, though more of a limited program than usual. She feels like school has actually gained a whole month of instruction because normally May is so consumed with testing. We just got all that time back for instruction which is exciting. Lisa said she has some funding available to help families in need and has been able to leave gift cards for pick up at the school. School lunch delivery is going well via the school buses into the neighborhoods and she encourages all kids to go pick up the meals.

The PKS staff put together a fun video and it is available on youtube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IO_LpdAaaWk. It was edited and directed by PKS Alumni and CSHS Senior, Bridget Rader.

Laura Hamilton asked if the social distancing measures are relaxed but we still are not back in school, could something possibly be planned to celebrate the 8th graders graduation. Lisa responded that it will be considered as they are a very special group and maybe something like a car parade through the parking lot could be done at the very least.

Next Meeting Date is May 12. Place is TBD

Meeting was adjourned at 6:13pm