

Robert E. Willis Elementary SAC Meeting

1/26/2015

Members Present: Caitlin Saviano, Kristan Schwab, Mr. Stenger, Mrs. Danowski, Mr. Green, Debbie Hossenlopp, Tricia Eckstrom, Jillanne Conelias, Stephanie Hefner, Chris Robertson, and Terri Rampanelli

Attendees: Iris Boccarossa, Shannon McCoy

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Kristan Schwab

Old Business: No old business addressed

New Business:

- **PTO Update** – the PTO used its funds to send one teacher from each grade, as well as a media teacher and a resource teacher to the Florida Education Technology Conference (FETC) in Orlando (Jan. 20-23). FETC brings educational leaders and technology experts together to exchange techniques and strategies for teaching and learning success. FETC provides educators and administrators the opportunity to explore the integration of technology across the curriculum through hands-on exposure to the latest hardware, software and successful strategies.
- **Middle School and High School Communication** – concerns were expressed over the limited information that the schools provide to parents as to classes and programs available at the schools and the benefits of participation. Kristan will petition for this topic to be added to the agenda for the upcoming Community Engagement Forum scheduled for February 12th at 6:00 pm at Southeast HS.

Principal's Update:

- **Testing and Assessments** – students in grades 3, 4, and 5 have been taking multiple assessments to determine where they are in terms of preparation for the FSA. Because there's no sample test, administration and faculty are

using multiple resources in order to get as much feedback as possible. Before the holidays, 5th graders completed Top Score, a writing assessment, which provided individual feedback as well as feedback as a whole for the 5th grade and what teachers should focus on.

Some of the FS Assessments begin in March before spring break and some begin after spring break. A detailed schedule is available on the School District of Manatee County website.

Mr. Stenger and Mrs. Danowski continue to work tirelessly to ensure teachers are well equipped to prepare students for the FSA. It is highly encouraging that all test results continue to show Willis as one the strongest schools in the district.

The Manatee County School Superintendent has commented on the FSAs and provided contact information for a variety of different issues. The comments can be found on the PTO website at

http://www.williselementarypto.com/files/1-26-15_CFPSBC_Assessment_and_Accountability_Action_Plan.pdf

- **Guidance Counselor** – Mrs. Mathis will remain on extended sick leave through the remainder of the year. The district requires this position be posted and filled so the interview process has begun.
- **Safety** – parking has become a safety concern during the morning drop-off. Parents are parking on the bus side of the school and walking children over to the school. Since this is a public road and parking can't be prohibited, administration is asking that the children at least walk along the sidewalks and use the cross walk. Parking will continue to be closely monitored and addressed as necessary.

The next SAC Meeting is scheduled for 2/23/15.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Kristan Schwab, seconded by Terri Rampanelli. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Saviano, Secretary