

Osceola Elementary

School Advisory Council Meeting

7:45 am, Tuesday, December 15th, 2015

Principal's Conference Room

Minutes:

Welcome & Introductions

Mrs. Boot, SAC Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:45 am. She welcomed all members. Members in attendance were Annie Boot, Dr. Castellani, Aracelis Delvalle, Natali Betancur, Deputy Luis Soto, Lera Brial, and Liana Franke.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Boot presented the minutes from the November 17th meeting for approval. Aracelis Delvalle made the motion to approve the minutes and Liana Franke seconded it. All in favor and the minutes were approved.

Review of OES Operations Manual

Annie Boot previously emailed SAC members revisions to the OES Operations Manual and provided hard copies at today's meeting. No SAC members had any comments or changes to the revised changes. Lera Brial made the motion to approve changes and Aracelis Delvalle seconded it. All were in favor and revisions were approved. The group recommended that we distribute copies to incoming SAC members.

A+ Money

Annie Boot advised of the need of a SAC meeting date change. Previously there was no meeting scheduled in January. However, a request for a January 19th meeting and cancellation of the February 16th meeting is being made.

Dr. Castellani explained that approval for A+ money is needed by February 1st. He would like to begin the A+ money process in January and have staff recommendations/ballots completed. He would like to return to SAC with the results from the OES staff for discussion at the January meeting.

All SAC members were in agreement to change the **next meeting date to January 19th** and cancel the February 16th meeting.

Lice Policy

Dr. Castellani stated that OES follows procedures based on new district policy. If a teacher/parent/student notices a problem, the nurse will become involved. He has been in correspondence with the District Health Coordinator regarding the lice policy. The principal, in coordination with the Lead Nurse and District Health Coordinator, will determine if letters will be sent home for notification regarding any health issue based on the situation of the classroom (i.e. percentage of infected students, etc.). Dr. Castellani stated that there have been less than 5 documented cases.

Lera Brial asked if an informative letter could be sent home to parents with suggestions to prevent/eliminate lice.

Dr. Castellani agreed this would be helpful and could be added into the school newsletter.

Deputy Luis Soto questioned if OES must adhere to district policy or if OES can delete/add to the district policy.

Dr. Castellani advised that OES strictly follows the district policy.

Benchmark Testing/i-Ready Updates

Annie Boot shared updates about Benchmark and i-Ready testing. Most testing is done on the computer and once results are scored, teachers can adjust instruction based on student's scores. i-Ready is an online reading program purchased by the district. This reading intervention program is administered three times a school year (beginning, middle and end) and testing shows student growth.

Dr. Castellani added that i-Ready matches Florida Standards.

Natali Betancur asked if parents are aware of i-Ready and able to help students access the program.

Annie Boot advised that access can be made via Angel which is on our school website and students know how to access i-Ready.

Dr. Castellani suggested adding this information into our OES newsletter to remind parents of this reading program.

PTA Updates

Dr. Castellani praised the OES PTA and was pleased to announce the many successful events (ie Movie Night, school t-shirt and Holiday House) hosted by the PTA. PTA has much energy and gained new volunteers who are involved in school activities.

Lera Brial agreed that the Holiday House was a great success, especially the craft activity for children who did not purchase any items.

Student Council

Dr. Castellani informed of a very great start for Student Council which was implemented this school year. Student Council representatives have the opportunity to meet with classes (regarding activities such as Red Ribbon Week, canned food drive, etc) and voice their concerns to administration.

Lera Brial agreed that Student Council representatives have a good in self-esteem in working with other students and serve as good role models for other OES students.

Dr. Castellani stated that not having elections for specific positions (ie President, VP, etc) and allowing all representatives to be equal is key to student council success. All were in agreement.

Open Agenda/Adjourn

Deputy Luis Soto advised that for those interested, DARE graduation will be on Thursday, December 17th at 8:45 am.

Lera Brial moved to adjourn the meeting which Natali Betancur seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 am.