

**Osceola Elementary
School Advisory Council Meeting
7:45 am, Tuesday, November 17th, 2015
Conference Room**

Minutes:

Welcome & Introductions

Mrs. Boot, SAC Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:45 am.

Deputy Soto introduced himself.

Members in attendance were Annie Boot, Dr. Castellani, Luis Soto, Marie Irwin, Lourdes Pita, Natali Betancur, Lera Brial, Aracelis Delvalle, and Liana Franke.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Boot presented the minutes from the October SAC meeting for approval. Minutes were approved.

Review of SAC Operations Manual of our School Advisory Council

Dr. Castellani requested changes be made to the following under:

Article III/Officers

The position of vice-chairperson is to be removed.

Offices will be held for one year. [previously stated: 2 years]

Terms of office will conclude following yearly membership updates based on election. [previously stated: three months after the beginning of each school year]

Vice-Chairperson responsibilities is to be removed and added to the responsibilities of the Recording Secretary.

Dr. Castellani would like all 8 SAC meeting dates to be published in the handbook.

Dr. Castellani advised that there were no SAC elections took place this year but will be occurring next year due to some members having served out their full term. The group was in agreement that paper ballots elections have been successful and fair for parents, while teachers use email.

Lera Brial stated that staff would like to read SAC minutes and suggested an email blast to OES staff.

Annie Boot advised that approved minutes would be emailed to staff, in addition to the hard copies provided at the front office.

Dr. Castellani informed that the OES website has links to minutes as well.

Dr. Castellani asked that any changes be submitted by December 8, before our next SAC meeting on December 15th.

Marie Irwin suggested the OES logo or wording be added to reflect Osceola Elementary.

Natali Betancur added that new SAC members should receive manual for review.

Student Council Update

Dr. Castellani shared SAC members of the 4th and 5th grade Student Council. Each grade has two representatives and have allowed student opportunity for voice, ideas and leadership.

Student Council has already taken part in red ribbon week, canned food drive, playground changes and future help for primary classes in digital learning.

Natali Betancur suggested Student Council members attend a future SAC meeting.

Dr. Castellani stated the outcome this newly formed council has been extremely positive.

All SAC members were in agreement and praised his decision to NOT offer titled positions (ie President, Vice-President,...) and have students work as an equal, unified council.

FSA Results

Dr. Castellani informed that FSA results will be sent home with students.

Annie Boot advised that parents look at the Language Arts section - analytical writing.

Marie Irwin questioned if scores are available for online viewing.

Dr. Castellani advised that generally, Osceola performed where we should be. We will need to wait on specific results to receive a more detailed report and online results are not offered at this time.

Open Agenda

Lourdes Pita requested that a guard rail be considered along the school's front sidewalk path (bike rack area toward the stop sign leading to the Administration Center). She expressed concern for the safety of our students, especially during arrival/dismissal where vehicles are extremely close to pedestrians.

Dr. Castellani stated that he has had a meeting regarding this issue. He advised that a guard rail was not a possibility in his discussion, however, the suggestion of moving fencing back to allow for a wider sidewalk has been made. This issue will be revisited at a later date.

Marie Irwin moved to adjourn the meeting which Aracelis Delvalle seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 am.

Submitted by: Liana Franke