

Cypress Lake Middle School - School Advisory Council (SAC)
Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2017

1) Call to order

President Michael Wilhelm called to order the regular meeting of the SAC at 6 PM on May 3, 2017 in CLMS Media Center.

2) Attendees – See Attached list

3) Meeting Minutes: Ms. Mansfield read the minutes from the March 1, 2017 SAC meeting. Lynn Abbott made a motion that the minutes be accepted, Bernadette Collier seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4) Principal's Report

Principal Maniscalco reported that there will be 856 students at CLMS for the 2017-2018 school year. This is an increase of about 30 students. There are 247 student on the waiting list. There will be a social functioning class. There will be also be an increased number of SB and IA students along with an additional teaching support position to assist. Ms. Maniscalco was very pleased to report that this support position was provided without her having to provide extra justification. There are several teaching positions open including reading, ESE and math.

Curriculum Notes:

English/Language Arts and Reading will not be a single block next year. They will be divided. Curriculum will be LANGUAGE! Live, Inside from National Geographic, and Scholastic's Expert 21.

Social Studies: FL may decide to do away with Civics end of course exam

Science program is changing starting with 2017-18 6th grade which will be Earth and Space. In 2018-19 7th grade will be Life Science and then 2019-2020 8th grade will be Physical Science.

Mathematics: The mathematics program is being reworked to support students' readiness for High School math. 6th grade will have general and advanced math. 7th grade will have advanced and pre-algebra and 8th grade will have pre-algebra and algebra.

Virtual school and the Student "Compass" program were suggested as ways to address the "summer slide" and to prepare students for algebra.

Electives: 30 7th graders will be able to take Microsoft training and certification testing. Fundamentals of Web Design will be offered to 8th graders. This is a reading intensive elective. Chorus and Dance will be offered as a ½ semester elective.

Run the Lakes 5k fundraiser was a success! Next year the run will be in Jan/Feb.

5) DAC Report: See attachment

6) Good of the Order:

Several parents suggested that new parents would benefit from some how-to sessions on various topics. Assistant Principal Donohue has planned to conduct these sessions and would like topic suggestions. Suggestions should be emailed to Principal Maniscalco. Topics so far include:

- How to set your contact preferences in Parent Link
- How to see the Daily Google in Google Classroom
- How to use the Focus Parent Portal
- Explanation of Credits and Electives

Michael Wilhelm announced that SAC currently has \$500 in its account. It was suggested that we consider a water bottle filling station for the students.

Michael thanked the parents and teachers who attended this year's SAC meetings and Bernadette Collier for representing CLMS at DAC meetings.

Michael was thanking for his 3 years of leadership as SAC President.

Adjournment Carol McCarley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00. Kelly Hayman seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The next SAC meeting is Sept 6, 2017 at 6 PM

Minutes submitted by: Meg Middaugh