

Minutes from 1/24/23 Braden River Middle School SAC Meeting

Meeting called to order @ 5:41p.m. by Mr. Batista. Those in attendance: Ms. Zenon-Richardson, Mr. Batista, Mr. Baietto, K. Brand, B. Trombetta, E. Guanipa, K. Cestero and J. Cestero. Virtual were: Mrs. Beach and Mrs. Cooper, and J. Schideler

Approval of minutes: Motion to accept by B. Trombetta and 2nd by K. Brand. Minutes passed and approved.

Principal's report – ABC's

Academics – Rigorous lessons are expected delving into the student's thinking. Teachers meet monthly in PLC's and use rubrics to work together to modify as needed. ZAP can be zapped by parents as well. **Testing** – we are in benchmark testing again right now civics and science right now. Looking at collecting data from all levels 6th, 7th and 8th even though 8th is the tested grade. Teach test taking skills and strategies in 6th because it is a three year test. Need them to master those standards along the way. 8th grade is being tested 6th, 7th and 8th grade standards right now. It is an issue across the state – state is 45% and we are at 41%. The final testing window and we have math coming up the 31st and the 1st and the 8th will be writing and then we have a break until May. We have that time frame to reteach, rebuild and follow our plan to get our kids to success. We are using Progress Learning meeting kids at where they need to work on things. The data shows that Progress Learning is very good.

Behavior – Really just focusing on keeping referrals down. We look at our data and we need kids in class and we look at target behaviors to reduce our targeted behaviors. 108 kids have had only one referral. 292 Tardy referrals and these are considered a minor infraction. We are hoping that the tardy passes and then referral when at that point will improve our referral data. Implementation of the new policy will improve this and getting rid of the learning cottages. Cell phones are still an issue and it seems as if we have to do a redirection. Might be time for a cell phone detox. Phone was used and student was photographed in a compromising position and then it was airdropped. Time to redirect the phone issue. Intervention after school seems to be going well with Mr. Clark and Mr. Vance. M. Guanipa stated that he is concerned because his son stated some kids have taken a swing at another student and that some teachers are crying in the classroom. His question is how do we address that a kid takes a swing at another kid? Response: The teacher is supposed to be writing the referral and it is dealt with immediately. Teachers have Centegix badge to deal with these things right away. We have a lot of horseplay on the campus but the things need to be reported to administration. What is the procedure to try to deter them from this. Mr. Baietto stated that there is an investigation and then they follow the matrix as to what offenses will be warranted as reprimand. Teachers crying in the classroom has not been shared with admin.

Culture – 83% of our students are still doing the right thing so things are great! An update from the legislature House Bill 1467 states we have to be appropriate books on campus and in classrooms. We are going to be checking books even in the classroom are checked in to Destiny so parents have access to know what is in there. The Parent Bill of Rights in July 2022, the bill gives parents right to know what is being taught and about the different things we are doing in the classroom. The Board of Ed states that elementary schools have to have a complete list of every book in the building, and middle schools and high schools are basically following the same rules because it will be down the road that this happens. Teachers want to be trusted to make these decisions but teachers are rule followers so we

don't want to get into trouble. If teachers want help we can get volunteers in here to help. Congratulations to the Brands' both have quotes in the Embracing Our Differences locations, now at Bayfront, then Northport etc. We are still hoping to have an opening ceremony. We are moving out some of the learning cottages by the end of school year. Opening ceremony 2nd at 2 p.m. Literacy Week is this week.

Public Comments

Do we know when the open house for incoming 6th graders will be? They will be given a registration form in the elementary schools for those zoned and choiced here. The date is April 28th.

Correction - The new student orientation will be held on Thursday, April 27th from 5:30-7:30 pm. This will also be added to our school's calendar.

The Science Fair was quite amazing. At the Manatee County Fair, we had two chickens that got ribbons. Our orchids got first place.

Next Meeting will be March 7th at 5:30 p.m. We will not meet in February. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 with a motion by B. Trombetta and seconded by K. Brand and the ayes have it.