

Russell Elementary School Advisory Council Meeting

Agenda November 14, 2019

7:20 AM in the IMPACT Room

SAC November meeting minutes approved February 20, 2020

<http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us?eds/nclbspar/>

<http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/>

<http://florida-family.net/SAC/training.htm>

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Welcome

- Meeting called to order at 7:28am

Review and approval of September 6, 2019 meeting minutes

- Motion to approve minutes made by Debbie Stanhagen
 - Second motion made by Kelly Wood

Safety

- There are several new district policies being put into place this year.
- All volunteers must be school board approved prior to being able to come into the building to volunteer.
- Field trip changes
 - Any parent that is not approved as a volunteer must complete a field trip attendance form two weeks prior to the field trip date.
- Threat assessment team
 - This team is comprised of several school employees including Mrs. Arrant, Ms. Godwin, Sue Morren (guidance), Kate Gossman (CDAC), Daniel Hughes (school resource officer), Tina Webb (behavior coach), as well as any teacher who works directly with students who have been identified as a potential threat to self or others.
 - These students may be monitored due to threats made to harm others or regarding concern of suicide.
- There will be a lockdown drill during November.
 - Every fire drill requires three-minute lock down prior to evacuating the building
- Bennett Russell will follow all district and state mandates without exception

Progress of the School Improvement Plan

- Intervention Strategies
 - In grades 3-5 a program, RISE, has been put into place this year.
 - This program services 10 students from each grade level (3-5). These students attend an intensive hour of instruction daily.

- A ranking form is used to determine what students qualify for the program.
 - This program is for any qualifying student, regardless of ESE status. Some students have IEP's and others do not.
 - District and teachers have provided great reviews of the program.
 - A second intervention strategy is the implementation of grade level MTSS meetings. These meetings are used to monitor students who may be flying under the radar.
 - Factors used to identify these students include socioeconomic status, truancy, homelessness, and scores gathered from both state and district testing.
 - These students often go unnoticed or may not present the biggest need. As a school, we are trying to shift focus to keep an eye on this "watch group."
- Professional Development
 - A large number of teachers attended the International Literacy Association Conference.
 - Teachers who went are working on creating presentations for teachers in January based on what was learned during their time at the conference.
- Making meaning
 - This is a program that was bought for 5th grade last year that provides excellent classroom libraries.
 - This year, 3 teachers in the 5th grade are implementing the program in its entirety. The district has encouraged schools to implement this program slowly.
 - All IDR libraries have now been provided to teachers in the 4th grade, with one teacher implementing the program in its entirety.
 - Fourth and fifth grade teachers are all attending a PLC on the effective implementation of this program.
 - Teachers are excited about this program and the learning gains as a result of it are being noticed, and growth is being seen in the classroom.
- Students with Disabilities
 - If a student has an IEP and is not making progress, our teachers are looking closely at the student and bringing them to the MTSS team to analyze data and look at a variety of factors.
 - Is eligibility appropriate?
 - Are interventions and support enough?
- Continuous Improvement/MTSS
 - District staff has met with Ms. Godwin and Mrs. Arrant reviewing our current MTSS program and data.
 - This meeting went well.
 - The director of elementary education, director of federal programs, and director of continuous improvement were all in attendance during this meeting.

- STEAM Learning Environments
 - As a result of vendors that Ms. Godwin met at ILA and conferences that were attended, Ms. Godwin would like to improve STEAM and Media Center areas in order to increase the collaboration and creative thinking processes while learning.
 - Funds can be used form the school improvement plan account (\$11,000) as well as other internal funds.
 - A proposal was made, and all SAC committee members were in agreeance to use \$7,500 used to spend to improve our media center and other areas of the school that all students would benefit from including:
 - Making the media center more student friendly by adding age appropriate furniture. The additions in the media center will also allow for additional steam supplies to be left out at all times.
 - Flex spaces in the media center.
 - Title I money can not be used for this project
 - Kristi Burt proposed that we consider adding outdoor centers as well (life size board games, hopscotch, etcetera)

District Updates

- The implementation of FOCUS, the new management system, has begun.
 - Focus is the new student management system that will include everything (including finance).
 - This will replace smart as well as accelify.
 - This program will take care of student referrals, PMP's, finance, and IEPs. All these items will be taken care of through focus.
- PEARS – HAAS Center/UWF
 - PEARS is the teacher evaluation tool that was built by the HAAS center at UWF and is currently used in our district.
 - They are in a transition period with the system and employees which may impact our program here at school. Ms. Godwin has not noticed any changes or slowdowns yet.
- School Board Workshop
 - 7 period day is being revisited.
 - Contract with a company CAMELOT is being proposed.
 - CAMELOT Behavior type school and training program which will be implemented by contracted service providers.
 - This program is currently used by Escambia county.
 - The School Board Workshop took place mid-November and will require school board approval before any changes are put into place.

Meeting times/dates

- February 20 @ 7:20 IMPACT Room

- May 7 @ 7:20 IMPACT Room

Other needs, questions, ideas

Adjourn @ 7:56

- Motion to adjourn by Debbie Stanhagen
 - Second by Ms. Tiffany