

DeLand Middle School SAC AGENDA



SAC Meeting

September 13, 2021

5:15 PM – 6:15 PM

Attendees: Angela Arico Jones, Abby Langenbach, John Devito, Kelly Bengé, Sharon Birnie, Julie Clements, Rebecca Davis, Tiffany Freed, Jennifer Goulding, Dayna Griffin, Tiffany Harrison, Heidi Kellogg, Leslie LaRue, Mary Kate Marsh, Angela Santiago Cortes, Sean Turgeon, Dave West, Laurie Lopez, Ellington Kellogg, Chris Cloudman

Welcome

5:17- Arico begins meetings
Introduction of what Sac is. Introduction of chair/cochair and
New teacher members Arico-Jones
5:18 Arico go over norms of SAC meeting Langenbach
5:19 Arico goes over SAC and defined what it is and goes over
the rules stated behind it

Approval of May 2021 minutes
5:20 Arico displays agenda and discusses May minutes and
discusses for approval with Sac committee Arico-Jones
5:21 Tiffany Reid approves meeting and Rebecca Davis's
seconds the May 2021 Minutes

Public Comment on Items on Agenda

5:22 Arico-Jones

SAC Membership Update

5:23 Arico goes over any teachers and parents who have left
the SAC Committee and introduced new members and
teachers. Langenbach

SAC Budget Review

5:24 reviews budget and what it was used: Prodigy
5:25 budget will be updated next meeting due to money
returning to the SAC committee.
5:27 budget questions by Ms. Bengé about budget spent 6800
back in May for schedules and wondering if it is still the
account. AJ stated should be back in the account, but Fisher is
in charge of the account and due to maternity leave the money
has not returned. Langenbach

Principal's Report

Questions/Comments
5:28 Devito does his welcome
5:29 introduces PBIS Survivor theme and spirit shirt should
come next week. Mr. Devito
5:30 QT students 363 (sick and close contact) Range of 5 to 91
periods on average
Avg 20 kids were taken out of class prior to mask mandate,
with mask mandate avg is down to 6.

5:31 If students wear mask they do not need to Quarantine. Only few people submitted Doctors note to excuse from mask excuse.

5:32 zero noncompliance students were done. Over 30 students had to be spoken to so they can wear a mask. Teachers are to email if student is noncompliant. Admin team would pull students and have a conversation. Students were compliant after conversation.

5:33 Student are to call home if they do not want to wear a mask, admin team would offer options if child would not wear one.

5:34 New Items, Win time discussion, Terrier Win is remediation/ acceleration period. Students are cycling through their classes since August 16 which started with 1st period.

5:35 Teachers were trained over summer on tools and strategies to utilize in WIN.

PBIS committee created a point system with 5 major points that aligned with PBIS: responsible, respectful, and safe.

5:36 point system discusses tardies, dress code, ec. Points are submitted at the end of the week.

Question from Ms. Benge asks about dress code points based off of Arico's comment 80% who are in dress code. "Will it not create friction between students.

5:37 Devito responses that it is teacher based within the teacher's class.

5:38 Questions from Benge: Ask a question about consistency throughout the teachers based on tardies and dress code.

5:39 Devito responses to Benge about teacher consistency is based on the teacher discretion.

5:40 Benge makes a question about questioning teachers and how they are handling dress code.

Devito addresses those options are limited and trying to work with parents, calling home and contacting.

5:41 Davis makes a comment about student changing back into the clothes they wore originally.

Benge states the comment about the students not having been dress coded due to previous sub jobs on campus.

5:42 Arico makes a comment about pre-planning training done for teachers about how to address Dress code for students and discussing the repetitiveness of trying to enforce dress code.

5:43 Arico states it is hard to find pants without holes

5:44 Benge states that it is do able and states that the issue is the consistency of dress code amongst teachers.

5:44 Devito starts about custodial pilot program, School got 96.9% on the inspection

5:45 Custodial group kept fluctuating amongst staff, final count was 8 in total.

5:46 Custodian pressured washed school and upkept school since July 1st, 2021.

5:47 Inspectors for ABM stated that DMS was a better kept school compared to other pilot programs

Security update: teacher has a new button that engages a crisis alert, button needs to be pressed 3 times

5:48 once alarm has been activated crisis alert message is sent, lights go on flashing (red). Describing incidents of button being pressed on accident.

5:49 Describes an example in the Ag farm or in Gym, teachers have numbers of admin but the button works faster. Devito is working on clerical team and campus advisors.

5:50 Bengé states she never got a button even being a sub multiple time

Person asked about what happens with students being in pitch black room in the Ag area without a strobe light.

Question "Do law enforcement get notified?"

Devito: Yes, it goes out automatically.

5:51 Questions "is it a 911 call?"

5:52 Sor on campus responds to alert and is able to shut down call.

Questions "is it provided to all in the county?"

Devito: Yes, it is better than previous apps and programs used.

5:53 Badge has person on it

5:54 cross country had first met the past weekend

FFA is now up to 80 members

Trying to get back to business slowly but surely with school clubs

School Grade was discussed, Deland middle got D if school grade had been issued.

5:55 DMS outperforms some areas compares to the state.

English did not lose any points at all.

5:56 Teachers now have data to be able to work with each student's reporting category.

Data was looked back since 2016, and departments sat down to discuss points that were lost and discussed how to get points back.

5:57 Devito spoke to district about getting district members to train teachers on new strategies. Teachers are broken up based on departments, ELA & Reading, math, science, career and tech.

5:58 District has consulting company, Jack Berkmyer, is coming in October 12 in the morning. Discussing what a middle school is and not having it running as a Junior high.

6:00 Santiago Cortes discussed a brief manor of what Middle school teams was back in 2012 a Galaxy.

6:01 Questions: School grade, Is it based on standardized testing? Is it based on poor performance or incomplete testing?

Devito: Poor performances, 3 scores for ELA and Math

6:02 Broke down the point system for school grades, industry points, ELA, Math, 8th grade science, and acceleration points for Alg 1 and Geometry.

6:03 Good place for students being on campus and being in class everyday even with Covid restrictions and Covid interrupting in some points.

Benge: Questions "Why did hall passes change? Was it district or school?"

Devito: It was a middle school choice; it is a middle school has been used prior.

Benge: Why is it a pass?

Devito: Time savor for teachers and students can fill it and all they need to do have teacher sign it.

Benge: Where does it go once the student is using the bathroom?

Devito: Students are able to place it on the wall, on the toilet paper, or hold it under their armpit.

Benge: Is there a shelf being put in for planners?
Devito: No, but the reason we got the smaller planner.
Discussing that shelf may be destroyed.
Benge: Do student's have to pay for the replacement?
Devito: If students mention if it is lost then they get their planner back.
Benge: Would like to have something about planner in bathroom situation done. Asked question about what money for planners.
Devito Stated title 1 money was used to do purchase them.
Benge: Asked about quarantine absences if they are excused and discussed about receiving letters for excesses absences.
Devito: QT students are being excused. Prior school year there was no coding and students could not be differentiated between absent and QT.

Student Code of Conduct

6:13 Arico welcomed Ellington, a student representative
Students are welcomed to join
6:14 Little changes of COC, dress code is the only major change 21-22 school year
Mental health resources are in the school system, grief and trauma services.
6:15 Parent handbook has the resources.
Restorative Circles team has been created to help with strategies with behavior.
PBIS
6:16 Tier 2 team helps with students who have repeated negative behavior such as skipping.
Counseling house next door is still on campus
SEL Coach is on campus now assigned to the coach.
PASS- Positive alternative to school suspension IEP are still implemented.
6:17 want students in school and learning and not out of school. Arico-Jones
Check and Connect- teachers go through training, go through data, and meet with students to discuss behavior, grade data,
6:18 PBIS has a student monitoring form
Student COC sets up SEL and discusses behavior and discipline piece. Teachers used a PPT to display the COC.
6:19 Discusses various levels of discipline
Response to behavior, restorative circles, counselors, parent contact, PASS, interventions. Next level is PST for students.
6:20 bullying harassment, grade level has bullying box which has a form students can fill out and is it anonymous.
6:21 Students need to resolve conflict themselves but are reminded to ask for to help for lunch.
Cellphone policy- No Phones on campus! Students are able to communicate with parents through grade level house. No video recording is allowed especially if it is about physical fighting done.

SIP

6:22 SIP is being reviewed by district
One more parent than last year,
Parent's input: Mask policy and QT. Arico-Jones
Parent stated that student wanted more clubs, smaller class sizes, lockers, Bringing back Volusia live.

Questions: Why can't backpacks be not allowed in the locker room?

Devito: Pe locker are small, cannot fit backpack or laptops. Discussing large class sizes and how it is a lot for gym teachers. Theft is the main reason for students to get a hall locker.

6:25 Arico- School leadership team has meet and discussed goals. ELA had a goal lower quartile, Rationale 44%. Target is to increase teacher clarity in identifying the standard and the tools on how to assess the students.

6:27 training for teachers September 20th, 2021, on teacher clarity. Research states the effect size is .75

6:28 Second goal for math learning gain, 38% student show proficiency only included for FSA math students not Alg or Geometry EOC.

6:29 25% lower quartile for math.

Devito: Looking into the ESSA groups did grow, African American students grew in math, ELA, and civics. Continuation of trend.

6:30 Culture and environment goal: reducing number of procedural referrals. 70% of referrals are of tardiest, skipping, phones, insubordination, minor disruption.

6:32 ELL group has highest referral; majority of referral are due to not wanting to go to class so they skip or come late to class. Middle school redesign to bring that fun back to middle school, include movement as well.

6:33 school improvement is still in process

DAC Representatives

6:33 District website has minutes discussed

VPK has expended to new schools

High school has HVAC in PRHS

6:34 summer reading challenge, new Covid decision tree easier to read and understand.

Benge: Where are we able to find the information?

Larue: On the district website

Benge: is it on the original test?

Larue: on the district specific website is discusses the new procedures, and even the change of testing.

Benge: What kind of testing?

Devito: website said a diagnostic test, PCR was only test.

LaRue

Benge: Does not specify the test and is discussing which test.

Devito: Students are able to do which ever test

Questions about how to show Covid test to school.

Devito: Take a picture, email it, students are to drop off the front office, need to update attendance.

School partners: CFA and Jeremiah's. CFA is still mobile orders, purpose for tracking. 20% give back from both partners.

Introduction of PTA members.

Benge: PTA fundraiser forms have been found. Candy sales are still going. 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.

Adjournment

6:43 Adjourning meeting 3rd Monday of every month unless if it is holiday.

Langenbach

Next Meeting: October 11th @ 5:15

School Mission Statement:

We will inspire our students to be respectful, responsible, and knowledgeable citizens while nurturing their social, emotional, intellectual and physical needs.

School-Wide Goal: If DeLand Middle School provides standards-aligned instruction that meets the needs of ALL students and fosters collective efficacy, then student achievement will increase.