

Wakulla's C.O.A.S.T. Charter School

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Minutes

Wednesday, Feb 21, 2024 @ 1:45 pm

- Call to Order @ 2:02 pm
- Welcome and Introduction
 - Attendees: Lesley Gerrell (staff), Jamie Gray (parent), Frankie Harvey (principal), Taleighl Wilson (parent), Sydney Bryan (staff), Virginia Harrington (staff)
- Mid-Year Reflection* & School Improvement Plan
 - Discuss PM2 student data and academic focus for the remainder of this school year
 - Math - level 1 students went from 70% in PM1 to 53% in PM2, a 17% decrease; students scoring level 3+ increased from 8% in PM1 to 16% in PM2
 - Reading - level 1 students decreased from 47% in PM1 to 46% in PM2; students scoring level 3+ increased from 22% in PM1 to 31% in PM 2
 - Discuss and approve the Mid-Year Reflection
 - L.G. began the discussion on progress toward the goal for SWDs
 - data sheet - there is improvement in a lot of areas; showing growth
 - we are still not where we need to be but we are making progress toward out SIP goal of 45% proficiency
 - continuing to focus on students with disabilities (proficient at least 45%), our lowest targeted area for last school year
 - current interventions for SWDs - hired a new teacher (8th grade) so L.G. can work with RtI/MTSS students and open up S.B.'s ESE schedule for more interventions; we've hired multiple paraprofessionals and avid tutors from the high school to work in small groups with struggling students
 - student progress will be measured using PM1 and PM3
 - data meetings aren't happening as often as indicated in the SIP due to various barriers such as teacher absences, teachers leaving, new teachers coming in, etc.; will have plans in place to ensure the scheduled data meetings happen as listed in the SIP next year
 - for staff development, we will need to further train teachers on 504 and ESE accommodations, as well as RtI/MTSS interventions
 - need to ensure teachers are fully aware of and can provide all accommodations to each student
 - attendance issues - many ESE/504 students have lower attendance rates, but we continue to work on them; rates have improved since January
 - sending home attendance letters
 - teachers calling home about attendance
 - F.H. asked about gains and whether or not they would count; also asked about whether students know their scores and progress for PM1 and PM2
 - L.G. clarified that gains didn't count last year, only passing percentages (students scoring a level 3 or above)
 - L.G. clarified that gains WILL count this year, as well as passing percentages

- L.G. discussed that most students are aware of their scores and progress they make, especially older students
 - will make sure to inform teachers to go over individual scores with students before PM3 (the final test) and possibly set a goal for students to strive for on their final assessment
 - F.H. informed the committee that we had 100% FTE recorded, which is what our funds are based on
 - L.G. began the discussion on progress toward the goal for positive school culture and environment:
 - has improved overall but the prior principal leaving has affected students and staff morale
 - students feel anxiousness and stress of teachers
 - discussed the school climate conference in Savannah, Ga. in 2022 (almost the whole staff attended) for PBIS
 - how to increase the positivity of the school environment as well as safety information
 - addition of discipline and guidance counselor positions
 - Joseph McClendon as Dean of Discipline & Kate Epperson as Guidance Counselor
 - has helped the overall school climate
 - need more trauma-informed environment training next school year for all staff
 - Christine Dichio is getting the climate survey together to go out soon and once again in May
 - will give us some insight on where the school needs improvement as seen by parents/guardians, students and staff
 - J.G. made a motion to approve the Mid-Year Reflection as written. T.W. seconded; all in favor.
 - Discuss new input on changes to be made for new 2024/2025 SIP
 - more teacher/staff training as listed in prior discussion
 - consistency with data meetings, along with more targeted data meetings with teachers
 - add in verbiage about student goal setting for their test scores
- SAC Funding & Allocation
 - Fundraisers
 - calendar fundraiser did not do well due to general communication between staff and between the school and parents; some not getting things to the correct people without implementing it
 - multiple field trips coming up and we need funding; will look into canceling the field trips (SeaWorld and Universal) to get the bus rental deposits back
 - Chili Cook-Off on February 24th in St. Marks at the community market; all proceeds from the cook-off will go to COAST
 - Funding for Upcoming Title I Events
 - will use Title I parent night funds for upcoming Science event and Donuts for Grownups
- Parent & Family Engagement Plan
 - Discuss upcoming events
 - Science night on the 14th @ 6pm & bookfair at 7:30pm

- Attendance
 - Letters going home to keep parents informed
 - improvement in attendance from semester 1; since January, the attendance rates have increased
- Other Business
 - Parent-Teacher Communication
 - compacts
 - 24/25 compact will be discussed and approved at the next SAC meeting
- Adjournment: J.G. made a motion to adjourn @ 3pm; T.W. seconded the motion. All in favor.
 - Meeting adjourned @ 3pm.

*Item needs a vote for SAC approval