

Fellsmere Elementary

March 16, 2017

SAC Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:45 pm. Mr. Chico seconded the motion.

SAC members reviewed and approved the minutes from the last meeting (January 2017). Ms. Gurklis motioned for approval of the minutes and Mr. Chico seconded the motion.

Testing schedule- The FSA testing scheduled was reviewed. Mrs. Garcia noted that the testing dates were condensed because the school was able to gain access to more computers.

Police support with testing- The Fellsmere police force will be visiting FES on March 28th (prior to the FSA) to provide students with encouragement and motivation.

Evacuation plan ideas- The team discussed possible locations to evacuate to in the case of a major emergency. The team also considered what safe routes could be taken to get to City Hall or the Marsh Landing parking lot. Grade level leaders were asked to go over ideas with their teams and return ideas. It was noted that Mr. Echeverria and Mrs. Garcia both have keys to the back gate of the school. Mr. Chico asked if we would have a drill to practice the evacuation plan anytime soon. Mrs. Garcia said that there will first be a practice with faculty, and then a practice with students at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

School start time committee- There will be a committee meeting at the district level to discuss school start times. If interested, anyone can join this committee by visiting the district website.

2017-2018 Instructional calendar- The SAC committee briefly reviewed the calendar for the next school year.

Increasing parent involvement- While they host many family events, it was noted that the PTA needs help as there are only a few active members. It was suggested that we increase "Connect Ed" messages, as they are more relevant and practical than fliers. Mr. Chico suggested presenting ways for parents to help parents with homework and reading in the home (ex: read in the car or bus). It was also mentioned that we should host bilingual events, re-introduce book nights, etc. There is a "Remind" phone application that Ms. Walsh offered to explore to increase parents' involvement and awareness.

Ms. Gurklis motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Chico seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:06.