

SAC Minutes
September 26, 2019

Started at 6:05

People Present: 33

A meeting of Margate Elementary School Advisory Council was held in the Margate Elementary Café on September 26, 2019. Chair Shannon Mills called the meeting to order at 6:05. Shannon mills will record minutes for this meeting.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: SAC Chair, Shannon Mills

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE: Mr. Schroeder, Principal

- Members of the Support staff introduced themselves ad their roles at the school: Mr. Schroeder, Our Principal, Ms. Flournoy, our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Moore, Literacy Coach and RTI facilitator, Mrs. Mills, Math Coach and SAC chair, Mrs. Belfer, our School Counselor, Mr. Rothman, our Stem and Technology coordinator and Mr. Bass, our ESE Specialist.
- Mr. Schroeder shared the things we have achieved this past year:
 - We are a Positive Behavior School
 - We are a Five Star and Golden School Awards
 - Increased a letter grade to a B only 11 points from an A
 - A Title 1 school- he then reviewed what a Title 1 school is- it is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools. The goal is to have a higher quality education for every child. The program serves millions of children in elementary and secondary schools each year.
- **PTA updates-** Ryan DePotter went over the PTA budget for the year. She outlined how they allocate their funds to help the students at our school. She encouraged parents to give their time if they can. She talked about our upcoming event, the Fall Festival on October 25th.
- **SAC/SAF information:** Shannon Mills, the School Advisory Chair – went over what the purpose of the SAC and SAF committees. Our School Advisory Goals were shared. Dates of upcoming meetings were also shared ad can be found on our school website.

- **SAC Voting in of members-** A motion was made by **Thomas Schroeder to nominate the following members to the SAC committee:**

Daniel Bass, SAC secretary
 Howard Burke, Parent
 Kimberly Costanzo, IZ rep
 Nikkitress Daniels, Parent
 Ryan DePotter, Parent
 Colleen Gulla, Business
 Theresa Honig, SAF Designee
 Lanedra Johnson, PR K rep
 Joana Jordan, Non Instructional
 Staci Miller, Gifted Rep
 Shannon Mills, SAC chair
 Jennifer Monsalve, ESOL rep
 Khadijah Muhammad, Teacher
 Barbara Plante, ESE rep
 Kesha Roberts, BTU steward
 Thomas Schroeder, Principal
 Vernett Sims, Teacher
 Jenny Tenyck, Parent
 Marian Vernon, Teacher

Motion approved made by Vicki Flournoy. The 2nd motion was made by Rachel Belfer.

- **School Advisory Council**
- **Our Goals for the 2019-2020 School Year**

© **62%** of our third-fifth grade students will score at or above a level 3 on the 2020 Florida Standards English Language Arts Assessment.

© **65%** of our grades 3-5 students will demonstrate learning gains as measured by the 2020 Florida Standards English Language Arts Assessment.

© **62%** of our struggling students in grades 3-5 will demonstrate learning gains as measured by the 2020 Florida

Standards English Language Arts Assessment.

© 70% of grades 3-5 students will score at or above a level 3 on the 2020 Florida Standards Math Assessment.

© 80% of our grades 3-5 students will demonstrate learning gains as measured by the 2020 Florida Standards Math Assessment.

© 68% of our struggling students in grades 3-5 will demonstrate learning gains as measured by the 2020 Florida Standards Math Assessment.

© 56% of our fifth grade students will score at or above a level 3 on the 2020 FCAT Science Assessment.

© 100% of parents surveyed will indicate an awareness of the school's goals on the 2019 Customer Survey.

- **Safety and Security** – Mr. Schroeder shared that safety and security of our students and staff are a top priority. We have 2 Margate Police officers and 2 full time campus monitors. We have locked gates, locked doors and security cameras. We also participate in regular drills- tornado, Lockdown and Fire drills.
- **Severe Weather**- Procedures were discussed
- **Instructional Day**- A breakdown of the instructional day was shared along with an explanation of our last 30 minutes of instruction of the day that we call “Turbo Time”. During this time students receive either remediation and or enrichment in the areas of Reading and or Math.
- **Behavior**- Ms. Vicki Flourney, our assistant Principal shared our School wide behavior expectations. At Margate, we ROAR. R- Respect Others O- Own my behavior A- Act Responsibly and R- Ready to learn. Students are expected to show ROAR behavior throughout the campus all day.
- **Homework expectations**- Mr. Schroeder shared that studies show that homework in the elementary grades do not have a very big impact on a student's achievement. At Margate, we expect students to be reading every night. The more a

student reads the better they do on standardized tests. We do also ask that students spend some time doing a few Math problems that the teacher has assigned.

- **Technology programs-** We have i-Ready as a Reading and Math program that is used school wide. A video from the company was shown to the parents explaining the i-ready program and the diagnostic tests that students have completed. Mr. Schroeder shared that the students can work on their i-Ready lessons at home as well.
- **Florida State Standards-** Mr. Schroeder shared that we follow a set of standards that provides more rigorous thinking and ensures that all students across the State of Florida receive the same education. Mrs. Mills, one of our Curriculum coaches created a “Guide to the Standards” for each grade level for the parents to see what their child is learning and ways to help at home. Mr. Schroeder shared that parents are welcome to take the next grade level as well.
- **Resources-** The Comprehensive Reading Plan can be found on our school website. A Handout was also provided with resources parents can access to help their child in literacy.
- **Report Cards-** Ms. Flournoy explained the areas of the Primary and Intermediate report cards and the grading system.
- **Testing-** Mr. Schroeder explained the different types of assessments that are given to our students and the reason behind them. The BAS, or Benchmark Assessment System is a one on one assessment given to each child to determine their individual reading level. We also give cycle assessments throughout the year to progress monitor students on their understanding of the standards. At the end of the year, students in Grades 3-5 take the FSA in ELA and Math. 4th grade takes Writing and 5th grade takes FCAT Science.
- **School policies-** Ms. Flournoy shared birthday, early sign outs and uniform policies.
- **Attendance-** Mr. Schroeder discussed the importance of attendance.
- **Communication-** Communication is important. We have many ways to communicate here at Margate: Twitter,

Panther Pawprints, Parent link phone calls, Facebook, Email,
Phone Call, Teacher apps such as Remind.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 2:20 in the library.

- Motion to Adjourn – Patricia Moore
- 2nd motion- Rachel Belfer