



Maplewood Elementary School

“Together Everyone Achieves More”

Camille Orr



SAC Meeting
02/6/2025

Attendance:

Members: Erika Bretz Maria Castranovo Camille Orr Alan Jablonowitz Erica Ortiz Jen Rose Rose Heinen	Attendees: Sarah Jeanott Christian Godoy
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Call to Order:

A meeting of the Maplewood School Advisory Council was held at Maplewood Elementary School on March 6, 2025. SAC Chair, Erika Bretz, called the meeting to order at 2:34 PM. Maria Castranovo will record minutes for this meeting.

Minutes:

Ms. Bretz motioned to approve the January minutes. Mr. Jablonowitz motions to approve, Ms. Rose seconds.

School Improvement Plan –

Title 1: Ms. Scott

- Ms. Scott started with sharing about an upcoming event for families:
 - Dad’s Challenge on Saturday March 15. Ms Heinen said that her family participated in one and it was really fun.
- Ms. Scott handed our Maplewood’s Parent and Family Engagement plan to the team to review and discuss. She read our mission statement asking us to look through our plan and discuss and add to what we thought and could add.
- Team discussed all the events we held throughout the year with Mrs. Ortiz, Mrs. Heinen and Ms. Rose, Ms. Orr, and Mr. Godoy all adding to the events list:
 - Trunk or Treat being larger than last year plus added more food trucks
 - New Principal Meet and Greet/Meet and Greet/Open House all successes this year
 - Family nights: Altitude, several restaurants (Pasquale’s, McDonalds, Cold Stone, John the Baker)
 - Career Day: so many volunteers came to share what they do from K-9 units, Judge, health care professionals, even the Commodores
 - Shamrock bingo a huge event always
 - Multi-Cultural night is planned for the end of the year. Ms. Orr wants to expand it more this year. Mrs. Bretz said that we are going to try to get the Title 1 bus to come as well that night. The Title 1 but has lots of free stuff for students to borrow from games and more.
- Communication between teachers/parents/administrators/staff is very important and has improved.

- Ms. Orr shared that parents want Maplewood to post on more social media besides Facebook and X. Ms. Orr said she will add Instagram but isn't sure how to do it and Mrs. Ortiz explained that there is a way to link Facebook posts to Instagram posts, and she would help her do it.

Safety Updates – (Godoy)

- Mr. Godoy explained that safety is taken to the highest level at Maplewood and at no time would we ever put any child, staff, parent or visit in harm. We are always making sure the campus is secure and safe with our campus monitors, administration, leadership team, and SRO checking to see if all gates and doors are locked and addressing any situation when we see there is a problem.
- Today Dr. Lozano came to meet with us about expediting the installation of the front gate (last to be a one for Maplewood to be a fully gated facility). We will need to produce a plan to manage the gate/security as well as procedures to allow people on the campus. We will need for visitors coming on to campus to show ID at the gate, front door, and once on campus at the front desk. We use and need to continue to always use our SINGLE POINT ENTRY that is the best way to keep our campus safe.

SESIR – (Godoy)

- School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR) – Mr. Godoy shared with the parents about a recent incident that happened on Maplewood Campus a few days ago. He stated that at no time were the students or staff in danger. As soon as the alleged statement was brought to the attention of faculty we responded immediately going to the source and all involved. We immediately called our SRO Office Guard, SIU from Broward County School District, and Coral Springs Police. We all cooperated and worked with all law enforcement teams. Ms. Orr, law enforcement and I worked late into the night making sure that Maplewood was and would be safe. Coral Springs police did their investigation and assured us that it was not a credible threat. Here at the school we are continuing our investigation handing out appropriate discipline to students and continuing to have contact with mental health professionals for students who need it, law enforcement, conducting a BTA as well as talking with students about what they say when upset could get them in trouble and how to express themselves differently when they are upset. We can not share more details about the incident because we need to keep the student's privacy. While we managed this situation and situations at Maplewood as priority, we were also reminded by law enforcement to take a moment to step back from the situation and look at the facts we have and know about the situation. We did have a conversation with fifth grade the next morning addressing the situation and making sure that if students need counseling or someone to talk to they should tell their teacher or go to any faculty/staff on campus they trusted. We ask for parents to understand that we need to deal with threats correctly following procedures without giving out details. We followed all protocols and will continue to. We walk around campus regularly ensuring that if ever emergency does arise, and we need to evacuate campus that our evacuation plan is in place all the areas on campus we need to exit are accessible and will be manned. Our evacuation locations are Sam's club and the park behind the school by the water plant.
- Ms. Orr added that we followed all procedures and protocols, police officers did make a home visit to the student's home to find that there was no accessibility to the threat. We continued to work the investigation that night until the police came back to let us know what they found. We made sure that all students got home to their families and always do. We talked to the fifth graders the next day to make sure that they were OK and told them if they need to talk to someone please go to a trusted adult on campus. What we learned from this incident is to go with the facts and that looking at the facts needs to be first before we react.
- The incident was reported by fifth graders who heard what was going on and went to trusted adults and told them. Ms. Orr and Mr. Godoy are proud of those students for doing the right thing, if you see something say something. This is what we are teaching them to do.

School Accountability Funds – (Bretz)

- Maplewood Elementary has \$1,936.08 in School Accountability Funds.

Principal's Report – Orr

- Fourth grade Bottle Buddy projects were amazing. Some of the scholars presented theirs today and I video them I will share the videos
- Received an email today from the City of Coral Springs they did the rezoning for MSD and there are 150 seats for Coral Springs scholars.
- Special Programs just finished their state testing the FAA. The scholars did amazing. Mr. J add that the test is given to their third – fifth grade students all take reading and math, fourth and fifth take writing, and fifth take science. All the Special Program Teachers are immensely proud of how their scholars preformed on their test.
- Everglades trip – scholars said it was the best trip ever and Mr. Godoy had a great time as well. I want to go on the trip next time.
- Special Olympics have two different events coming up one this Month for the students 8 and over in Special Programs and they will be going to Flannigan High School and the second is in April which will be here for our pre-k babies and scholars in Special Programs under 8.
- Biz-town is March 19 and if you can go it is a fantastic trip the scholars learn so much about real life.
- The fifth grade scholars are taking their second part of the mid-year science test and we are currently above the district average.
- Dec/Jan performance matters was being rolled to schools as a new platform for students to use
- I have a budget meeting I want to predict low so that we don't have to let teachers go.
- April 24 is Take Your Child To Work Day
- Promotion criteria is new but only effects third grade scholars

Questions- none

Next Meeting Date & Time:

Next meeting will be April 3, 2024 at 2:20.

Meeting Adjournment: Mrs. Bretz motioned to adjourn at 3:33 PM Mr. J. seconds.

Submitted by,

Maria T. Castranovo

Approval Date: