



Tequesta Trace Middle School – School Advisory Council (SAC) and School Advisory Forum (SAF) Meeting Minutes – UNAPPROVED UNTIL 12/5/24 MEETING

Date of SAC Meeting:	November 7, 2024
Meeting Called to Order at:	8:11 am
Has a Quorum Been Established?	Yes
SAC Chairperson:	Melyssa Silva

Approval of minutes for previous meeting on:	October 17, 2024
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- **Firsts:** Sofia LoMonaco
- **Seconds:** Anabelle Rivera
- Any questions? No questions raised by any member or SAC or anyone in attendance at the SAC meeting

Outcome of the approval process:

Ms. Silva called the 1st order of business to order and that is the approval of the minutes from the previous SAC meeting (October 2024). Ms. Silva presented the minutes from October's meeting (which were emailed to the SAC email group ahead of this meeting. We went through all of the major points from the previous SAC meeting.

The October 2024 meeting minutes have been approved by our SAC group.

School Updates from Principal, Mr. Rivera:

Mr. Rivera began before he moved into his mandatory presentation about State and District Assessments – he discussed taking care of the entire child, that is our job. Yes, to assess and test them. But at TTMS we take care of them in totality. From the artistic side of students – our art students have won competitions; our band students attend events and competitions; our drama students practice and compete and perform. Our athletic students are thriving – winning county championships in cross country and soccer. We then also take care of their academics. This moves Mr. Rivera into his presentation.

Overview of State & District Assessments 24-25 (PPT from Mr. Rivera):

The county says we are testing less. We test PM1, PM2, and PM3 among other exams (EOCs, etc.). Some parents and community members feel like students are being over tested. The PPT Mr. Rivera reviewed went through the variety of tests we use to assess students and why we are assessing students. These frequent assessments through the year are to better see where they are at rather than just seeing where they are at the end of the year. TTMS is a school of excellence, an A rated school yet again. Having many of our students take high school credit classes while at Tequesta, especially Algebra, opens many doors for those students once they enter high school. The PPT also highlighted the assessments are adaptive, meaning that the questions change as the students answer questions, they change based upon performance. So it's so critical for students to do their best and answer every question. Performance

matters is a new “platform” where the exams will be taken and mini assessments through the year. It will make it easier for teachers and students and parents to view scores, rather than having to look in multiple places.

Proposal of ELO Camps – Rosario, Literacy Coach:

Ms. Rosario, TTMS Literary Coach – presented to our SAC a proposal of ELO Camps (Extended Learning Opportunities) that focus on providing extra learning in ELA, math, civics, and science – focusing on preparation for those exams (PM3, Civics EOC, Gears II and Biology, and Algebra). The teachers will be coming in the morning and working with groups of students – either the “bubble kids” or kids who are in high school credit classes (algebra/bio and even Gears II) who are not getting any additional help outside of the classroom at school (so no support classes). The proposal states there will be 16 sessions for students in the morning. The funds requested will cover payment for teachers (hourly rate), as well as morning snacks, materials like folders/highlighters/pencils. This will be of no cost to parents. The proposal is asking for SAC to approve funding these ELO camps by using School Recognition funds (currently in the account there is \$16,493.53) – the cost of the ELO camps are \$15,250.

Mr. Rivera wants the money that is in those accounts to be used for the current students – as the money should be used.

PROPOSAL OUTCOME – SAC unanimously (15 out of 15) approved and passed this proposal. All attending SAC members voted YES to this ELO Camp Proposal.

Review of School Accountability and School Recognition Funds at Tequesta Trace Middle School:

- Amount in School Accountability Funds: \$4,297
- Amount in School Recognition Funds: \$16,493.53

Discussion on Funds:

These funds are to be used on the current student body at Tequesta Trace. Our SAC is the forum in which we discuss and decide how to use these funds. The above item in the minutes discussed the approved proposal for which we will use funds from the School Recognition account.

Outcome of the A+ Staff Vote:

At the October 17, 2024 SAC meeting – SAC voted on the ballot option that will be used in the staff A+ money vote. SAC voted on (unanimously) the option 1 ballot which is 90%, 100% or none of the above – that has historically been the ballot option that Tequesta Trace’s SAC has voted on.

Staff voted on the staff receiving 100% of the funds going to the staff members.

Think B4 U Post Safety Video – from BSO:

Ms. Nissen is sending out a video via Parentlink and accessible on our website – a video about the consequences when you post a threat online. This is a video shared by the BCPS district and in partnership with BSO.

SIP Data/Discipline – Mrs. Nissen:

Ms. Nissen reviews the SIP and discipline, stating that compared to last year – we have less referrals in total. She shared a graph and infographic (all sent to the SAC email group ahead of time for review). At this point, we have 43 referrals total, compared to last year where we had 63 total referrals at the same point in the year.

Today – 11/7/24 – Tequesta has randomly been chosen for a random security “wandering” – this is something that we are not told more than 1 day ahead of time. The classrooms are chosen at random. Mr. Rivera will send a Parentlink upon its conclusion.

Ms. Nissen shared that all teachers have participated in a training series of CHAMPS – which is a classroom management training – the conclusion of this training series occurred this past teacher planning day. This training has been a success in having teachers use a variety of classroom management strategies. Students have been responsive as well.

SESIR Events:

No new SESIR events since our last SAC meeting in October 2024.

BTU Updates – Reggie Osorio, BTU Steward at TTMS:

Mr. Osorio, TTMS BTU steward shares his experiences at the New Teacher Academy at Pompano Beach High School where hundred of new teachers gathered. It was a great event.

New Business at TTMS:

Mr. River highlighted all of our school’s recent achievements such as being named a School of Excellence, all of our athletic successes like in cross country and soccer, as well as our accomplishments in the arts department – art winners, band competitions and events and the upcoming Drama district competition. Also our PTA is amazing as usual – hosting our largest fundraiser, the Cougar Fun Field Day. YMCA partnered with Tequesta and held games and activities as well as donated t-shirts and water bottles. Students were able to play games and sports, enjoy boba lemonade, Zumba dancing, and so much more. The funds raised are hopefully going to help the school purchase a security “house” or booth for the main gate entrance for our security personnel. The amount raised is unknown. Mr. Rivera will have to provide that number at our next SAC meeting.

Ms. Winter, our ESE Specialist – shared that October concluded Disabilities Awareness Month and wanted to share that one of our ESE students, FM, who has autism participated in an interview with peer counselors and wanted to share things about his autism – how it just means he’s different but can do so many great things, too. Our Speech Pathologist and Behavior Tech worked with the student as did his parent to make this a wonderful moment to share about students and their differences.

Mr. Fleming, SAF chair, asked if we could add an item to the agenda for December’s SAC meeting – information/discussion on incoming 6th grader orientation.

Next SAC Meeting Date:	December 5, 2024
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SAC Meeting Adjourned at:	8:45 am
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TEQUESTA TRACE MIDDLE SCHOOL



SAF MEETING TO FOLLOW

Tequesta Trace Middle School – SAC/SAF Minutes

Date of SAF Meeting:	November 7, 2024
Meeting Called to Order at:	8:45 am
SAF Chairperson:	Mr. Corey Fleming

Details of Meeting:

- There was not District Advisory/Area Advisory for October, so Mr. Fleming reported information at the September 18th meeting.
- One point brought up was the metal detectors at the high schools and how it was difficult in the beginning and created long lines and students were late. Schools and the district report that this has been resolved and things are moving much quicker and smoother.
- FDLOE provided feedback on reproductive health (sex ed.) through all grades, 1-12. The curriculum is developed by the county and then approved by the state. The state has found many things that they do not approve and have asked the county to reconfigure the curriculum, the district has to modify and resubmit for approval.
- School safety and AC and Carbon Monoxide detectors were a topic of conversation, schools across the district have had issues – it is being resolved.
- Recess was a topic – this applies to elementary schools.
- Title 1 funds – push for parents to complete the free and reduced lunch applications – not only does this provide funds for those Title 1 schools, but it opens the doors to other funds and opportunities.
- The topic of redefining our schools was brought up. This does not impact our area of Weston, however – it will impact our district and schools with lower populations.
- No meeting for Area Advisory was held in October, the next meeting will be 2nd week of November – at the December SAC/SAF meeting at TTMS, Mr. Fleming will share topics of discussion.

Next SAF Meeting Date:	December 5, 2024
SAF Meeting Adjourned at:	8:55 am

