

**DRIFTWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL
TITLE 1 SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
2751 N 70th Terrace | Hollywood | FL 33024
General Meeting Agenda
January 9th, 2025 | 4:30 p.m.**

I. Call to Order/Welcome

A meeting of the Driftwood Middle School Advisory Council was held in the Media Center on January 09, 2025. SAC Chair Joseph Stubbs called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. Michelle Rivas will record minutes for this meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

M. McGee motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting; seconded by L. Schloss. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.

III. SAC Accountability Funds

The funds balance remains the same; went from approximately \$11,000 to around \$5,000 as the committee voted to use \$6,000 to fund ELO reception and security.

IV. School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting

Driftwood Middle School	August	September	October	November
Fighting (serious mutual combat or mutual altercation only)	0	0	0	3
Fighting (serious mutual combat or mutual altercation only)	1	5	0	0
Larceny/Theft/Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	1
Physical Attack	0	1	1	2
Tobacco Possession and/or Use	0	0	0	1
Weapons Possession	0	1	0	0
Totals	1	7	1	7

SESIR reporting is done every 2 months based on observed trends. The fighting record is a glitch from BCPS website as have not been that number of reported incidents. Updated data from October to November shows only one fighting incident, or physical attack. In November we saw a spike in the number of incidents. In comparison to other schools of similar demographics, the same trend holds true. There is a downward trend in August and a spike in September; October data then trends downward and spikes again in November. In comparison to previous years, the same trends are evident in each category except Tobacco, which has gone done – mainly attributed to the newly implemented clear backpacks policy and discipline.

V. Department Update

- *Reading:* working on NWEA to measure students' Lexile level.
- *Language Arts:*
 - There is a reported 18% increase in student proficiency from PM1 to PM2 and this improvement is significant across grade levels.
 - Teachers are on par with pacing guide and are in the process of starting the iReady Diagnostic 2.

- The Spelling Bee going on to first round with a DMS 8th grader repping DMS.
- The first phase of Literary Fair is Monday, January 13th.
- *Social Studies:*
 - Students participated in the JA Biz field trip in December.
 - Higher level teams are working toward completing their History Fair project.
 - Civics students prepping for EOC exam.
- *Science:*
 - GEARS and Biology students are working on independent study Science Fair projects.
 - Q2 BSA is being administered across grade levels and content areas.
 - ELO in Science program is being developed to target students in the “red” based on Performance Matter data.
- *Math:*
 - In comparison to PM1 data, PM2 data in 6th grade shows a growth in student proficiency; other grade level teachers are looking to 6th-grade teachers for strategies and best practices from which they can benefit and increase student achievement.
 - Mr. K and Koziar switch. Koziar is now an intensive math teacher in 8th grade; Mr. K is now advance math teacher in 7th grade. Algebra teachers are using a binder to facilitate the movement of instruction in this subject area. IF is also offering support to ease instructional transition.
 - ELO camps and activities are being developed.

McGee question: Was the transition based on academic progress? Why was there no communication by the admin team regarding this change?

- *Stubbs’ response to McGee:* The change occurred based on what was in the best interest of students.

- *Magnet:*
 - Magnet Open House coming up on Wednesday, January 15th from 6 to 8 pm. We are a magnet school, not just a magnet program, which is the message we intend to relay through that event’s showcase.
 - The district is having their districtwide showcase the night before our event, which serves as another opportunity to check us out as our school will be in attendance.

Ricketts statement: Going back to ELO, the program will target high level 1s and 2s, which is most struggling students in bubble of tier proficiency. In terms of ELA, 34% of school demonstrates proficiency at PM1, and 44% at PM2. At PM1, Math was at 12% proficiency and went up to 23% at PM2. These Math numbers does not reflect Algebra and Geometry proficiency data. The majority of DMS students are Level 1s and 2, and more than half of the 6th grade class came in at a 4th grade level. As such, when interpreting student data, we are more so looking at learning gains versus proficiency. The State tests do not take into account the actual grade level ability of students, but rather assesses students at their current grade level of enrollment. Through ELO, we are working on student behaviors that interfere with their academic success as well as remediation.

VI. Title 1 Update

(provided by Ricketts)

Driftwood is a CEP school, meaning our students get free breakfast and lunch. To maintain CEP status, parents need to fill out a form to ensure we meet eligibility requirements to participate in program.

VII. Principal's Update

- Welcome to Q3! As we assess our student performance data, we are beginning to address their academic needs by rolling out our ELO plans and identifying students in HS level courses that need assistance as well. The student of today is far more distracted than before and this trend is affecting their academic behaviors. Participants of HS level courses are not all Level 5s as was the case in the recent past and, as such, require the same level of attention and support to maintain an A or B average without academic interventions.
- *Williams addresses McGee's previous question about Mr. K and Koziar move:* The movement was made due to the previously assigned teacher going on leave, which left us unprepared. The pivot from Koziar to K was due to need and based on qualification and time of year (end of semester) ... We have other teaching positions for which we need replacements as they have moved on from the Driftwood family.
- Brief discussion on districtwide Magnet showcase versus DMS' event.
- DC trip is from April 24 to 27 and is for 8th graders. The trip is "quite pricey" so it is important for parents of students in 6th and 7th graders to begin saving for this expense. This year's DC cost is \$1,670.
- *Ruwayda question:* Is there a reason why Driftwood doesn't do block schedule?
 - *Williams's response to Ruwayda: (Block scheduling concept explained)* ... Based on the block scheduling concept, it is not at Driftwood because subject area reinforcement must happen daily for student's at this grade level. Block scheduling may be good for schools as a whole but not for children as a faster pace is not conducive to Driftwood demographic and population.
- Mrs. Lopez is coming back next week Wednesday!

VIII. Library Media Update

(provided by Rivas)

- We had our annual holiday Book Fair/Curriculum Night at Barnes & Noble last month on December 11. Our sales were roughly \$1,480, which put us in the 5% bracket for funds raised, that being \$74. Barnes & Noble has mailed us the \$74 in the form of a gift card, which Ms. Martino is planning to spend on games, puzzles, and/or crafts for students to use in the media center.
- Our large book order of \$9,475 that was placed in October has arrived. We have increased our catalog by 372 books in the non-fiction section, mainly in the arts, technology, and sciences.
- A reminder that our media center is open every morning except Thursday between 8:45-9:25. Students may come to check out books and/or play games.

IX. New Business

Discussion and Vote of New Committee Members, positions to be filled: I-Zone Representative, Parent, ESOL Parent, and ESE Parent.

We do not need general parent anymore. If you have anyone to recommend for the other vacant position, please inform the SAC Chair.

X. Next Scheduled Meeting – February 6th, 2025, at 8:30 am in the Media Center

ParentLink will be sent out a week in advance and day before.

Ricketts spoke on New Business:

- This quarter we are opening a rewards store and accepting donations. As of right now, the store was established via donations from Restaurant Depot, who made a large donation of items, as well as a DMS parent. Students earn points to use at the rewards store based on their compliance to SOAR expectations for doing the right thing in class and on campus as well as during the ELO program.
- *McGee question:* Do you accept monetary or item donations?
 - Ricketts response to McGee: We accept both types of donations, as well as sports items. The store will be in the front office.
- *Lavita question:* What other types of items would you like to see?
 - *Ricketts response to Lavita:* Any age-appropriate items that will keep students happy and less distracted, and snacks that they like.

XI. Adjournment of SAC Meeting

SAC Chair Joseph Stubbs motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m.; motion seconded by Michelle Rivas. Motion carried unanimously.

SAF Meeting (*postponed*)

Submitted by:
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