

Timber Trace Elementary

School Advisory Council

January 10, 2023

Attendance: Sara Baccari*, Gabriella Beattie*, Evelyn Collins*, Allison Fogg*, Dawn Gordon*, Anhlinh Jacob*, Traci Jones*, Dannie Matera*, Mary McGinley*, Antoinette Miller*, Kayla Montano*, Janet Moraes*, Kathy Pasquariello, Mindy Ruggerio*, Michelle Sierra*, Alyssa Swires*, Dillon Voss*

**denotes elected/appointed SAC representatives for the 2022-2023 year*

SAC Chairperson Gabriella Beattie called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

I. Old Business:

- A. **SAC Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2022 made by Mary McGinley and seconded by Allison Fogg. Motion passed.

II. New Business:

- A. **Welcome/Introductions:** An introduction was made of all individuals that were present at the SAC meeting.
- B. **Florida Power School Library Award** (Shannon Culp): Mrs.Culp shared an award she is working towards called the Florida Power School Library Award. She came to SAC to ask for support with one component of the award- she needs 10 families to complete a survey for her to be able to work on the portfolio part of the award. Mrs. Culp will share the link for the survey with our SAC secretary to send out to our committee. We are encouraging families and teachers to complete the survey by February 10.
- C. **Principal's Report:** (Reported by Kathy Pasquariello)
Happy New Year! We are now ½ way through the school year. During the month of January students in K-5 are taking the iready reading and math diagnostic tests. Students in grades 3-5 will be taking the science diagnostic. This data will be used to let teachers know where students are and what their needs are at this time. Teachers are fully back into our scope and sequence with instruction. We have literacy week and PTA science night coming up. The Resolution to Promote Welcoming and Inclusive Schools continues to be a focus. We will be working towards the next steps for the plan. This plan especially helps teachers with resources to use with our families who are new to the country.
- D. **Budget Report:** (Reported by Gabriella Beattie). Currently there is \$ 3,166.00 in the school improvement account. At this time, no new request for funds.
- E. **SIP Discussion: Reading Instruction Presentation-** Gabriella Beattie (3rd grade teacher) presented Benchmark Advance Reading and our new PM testing. Benchmark is being used K-5 this year. It is new to our 3-5 teachers. Every student has a Benchmark tile in their portal with a wealth of resources to use to improve their reading skills. The standards spiral throughout the year. Each unit infuses science and social studies topics.Each student has a magazine they use throughout the unit, that will come home at the end of the unit.

F. Committee Reports:

1. **PTA Report:** Holiday shop, Tiger Trust ice cream party, Geography Bee, Field Day, Teacher cookie exchange were all very successful. December was a busy month!

a) **PTA Science and STEM Night:** PTA Science and STEM Night will be on January 24th.

b) **PE Equipment Project:** PTA will be working on meeting PE equipment needs for the school.

c) **Arti Gras and Honda Classic Booths:** We have been approved to have beverage booths at both of these large events. We will receive 5% of sales and tips for our school. PTA will need a large number of volunteers (both parent and teachers) to man these booths during the events. A sign-up genius will be sent out soon to sign up. These funds will assist us in upgrading our school marquee.

2. **Science/ STEM Committee/ Green Committee:** (Kelly Homa)

We are going into our 3rd rotation for intermediate and 2nd rotation for primary in the STEM Lab. We have had really nice feedback from both the kids and teachers. We are initiating a STEM cart to add another level of STEM integration on campus. It will be available to all with rotating materials.

3. **Student Council/K-Kids:**(Deborah Sirlin & Erica Letellier)

We just finished the LLS Online Collection and will see which class collected the most for a pizza party. We will begin a recycling schedule in January and students will be assigned classes. In addition, we will be attending a Beach Clean Up in January.

4. **Peace Ambassadors:** (Hannah Kenney; Evelyn Collins)

Just made around 80 sandwiches for the homeless shelter. They used peanut butter and jelly, turkey and cheese, and two cookies for each bag :)

5. **Media Center:** (Shannon Culp)

BOB is underway with the most teams ever in our school's history...41 3-5th grade teams. Each student had to read at least 5 books off the SSYRA list. Quizzing will begin Jan 17-Feb. 24th.

Halfway through the school year we already have 13 students who have read ALL 15 of the SSYRA titles.

We have 31 students who have already reached a MILLION words read this year! 7 students who are over 2 million words and one student who is over 3 million words read so far!

Literacy Week is Jan. 23-27th "Take a DEEP DIVE into Literacy: Splash Into New Worlds" Please look for details coming soon. We have so many fun activities planned with McDonald's Night on Jan 26th.

See you there!

6. **Just Say No Club:** (Lisa Wear)

Review Mission/Purpose, Red Ribbon Week, Key Voc. and IceBreaker activity. If time permits, begin Respect activity

7. **Junior Red Cross Club:** (Lisa Wear)

Review Mission/Purpose, Key Voc., and IceBreaker Activity (complete). If time permits:), begin History of JRC up to the present day

8. **Technology:** (Mike Makoul)

2023 Typing Contest (Grade 3-5) Let's work together as classroom communities and discover the classes that type the fastest. All teachers need to do is encourage students to practice. Practice is the key factor in developing keyboard skills. People who type faster than average tend to practice 3 times longer than those

who have average or below average WPM speeds. The average typing speed for an adult is 40 words per minute (WPM). Beginners, between the ages of 6 and 11, typically type at a rate of 15 words per minute (WPM). Timber Trace Grade Level WPM Goals (by the end of May):

Grade 3 = 20 WPM

Grade 4 = 25 WPM

Grade 5 = 30 WPM

One-minute typing tests will be completed in Technology class in January, February, and March.

Here's the one-minute typing test link we're using in Technology class.

<https://www.typing.com/student/typing-test/1-minute>

Students complete the one minute typing test twice each time they visit Technology and record the highest of two scores on a WPM Record Sheet.

The WPM Record sheet is available in Google Drive if students search "WPM". It can also be found in the F.A. Google Classroom, Technology assignment #2.

The average WPM score for each class will be recorded by Mr. Makoul and posted in the windows of the Blue Lab.

The third, fourth, and fifth grade classes that score the highest average WPM before Spring Break will earn 30 minutes of free time in the Tiger Design Den.

Keyboarding Practice Websites

Dance Mat Typing

The Typing Club

Typing.com (used in technology class)

Stakeholder Input:

No stakeholder input at this time.

Our next meeting will be held on February 13, 2023. Anhlinh Jacob made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dillon Voss. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.