

**Carolina Forest Advisory Board Meeting**  
**September 7, 2017**  
**River Oaks Elementary**  
**12:00pm**

**Members in Attendance:** Melissa Bornfreund, Dennis Devorick, Gaye Driggers, John Gardner, Kelly Handley, Christopher Hanna, Robert Homer, Leslie Huggins, Robin Jones, Candace Lane, Lorraine Mallon, Barbara McGinnis, Tim McGinnis, Dawn McKinney, John Poston, Ben Prince, Jamia Richmond, Rebecca Schroyer, Melanie Wellons, Ray Winters

Meeting began at 12:00 with introductions and Election of Officers.

**Election of Officers Results:**

Chairperson-Melanie Wellons

Vice-Chair-Melissa Bornfreund

Secretary-Jamia T. Richmond

**New Business:**

District Office News– John Gardner

- Decisions regarding school closures for Hurricane Irma will be made at a later date.
- All of the new schools are operational. Everything is going well.
- There is a new policy regarding “no show” students. After 10 days, these students can be removed from the school’s attendance. Enrollment is up from what was anticipated.

**Principal Reports:**

**Palmetto Bays Elementary – Dawn McKinney:**

- 636 students enrolled
- The theme this year is to be AWESOME, following after “Kid President”.
- Mrs. McKinney has an all new administrative team
- New this year, robotics team and Honor’s choir
- School is preparing as a shelter for Hurricane Irma

**Carolina Forest Elementary – Dennis Devorick:**

- 1085 students enrolled
- Addition of a kindergarten class tomorrow
- New teacher from Forestbrook
- Addition of four new portables
- Reported the best first day drop off school has ever had due to updates related to traffic and lights.
- Recruited high school students from AAST to help get kids out of cars in the morning. Students receive community service for their assistance

**River Oaks Elementary – Robert Homer:**

- 1131 students enrolled
- Addition of a child development and kindergarten class

- School has definitely experienced growth. They are filled to capacity in terms of space. This is an issue
- 3 way traffic sign is a barrier and impacts the flow for exiting the campus
- With help of SIC, school is adding new afterschool programs in basketball, drama club, and wellness program
- School is implementing and new student recognition program. Program incorporates all grades and focuses on academics, character, attendance, and digital content. 1 star to 5 star rating will be used.

**Carolina Forest High School – Gaye Driggers:**

- All is good in the Forest
- 2492 total students, 2018 on campus
- 104 members in AP academy
- Ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the state
- Mentoring program still on at CFE, working on Homecoming and Love the Arts programs
- Special book project at PBE
- 17 new teachers
- Ambassadors program is continuing

**Ten Oaks Middle School – Ben Prince:**

- School is operational
- Administration is collecting data and analyzing all aspects to determine needs regarding traffic, etc.
- 898 students
- Parents and community are very flexible and accommodating
- Held a family event prior to opening for all new faculty and staff
- Media tour day-lots of press
- Distributed Chromebooks
- 2 new APs, Instructional Coach, 2 guidance counselors

**Ocean Bay Middle School – Barbara McGinnis:**

- 503 students currently enrolled
- Very happy about the reduced enrollment
- Open house for all grade levels
- Distributed Chromebooks
- Reported some trends in gender differences in 7<sup>th</sup> grade this year (100 boys, 52 girls). This is likely due to the larger population of boys in this grade
- Love the security officer

**Blackwater Middle School – Candace Lane:**

- 706 (697 when removing no shows) students enrolled
- Bear Family Fun Day was successful with 1100 people in attendance.
- Because of the single lane loading in effect as a result of fire safety guidelines, traffic is an issue. Cars are backed up onto Cox Ferry. Ms. Lane has timed it. It takes 4 minutes to clear traffic off of Cox Ferry Road and 15 minutes total to clear all car riders.
- Clubs and activities are up and running

### **Waccamaw Elementary – Leslie Huggins:**

- 885 students enrolled
- Buddy benches made with CFHS to encourage friendship
- Focus on school culture with Waccamaw Rocks, school pledge
- Curriculum night, Title 1 night tonight

### **Ocean Bay Elementary – Becky Schroyer:**

- 849 students enrolled
- School had a smooth opening
- New AP
- Boosterthon in a few week, used to build relationships with the community
- Serving as a hurricane shelter for homeless and misplaced population

### **AAST – Robin Jones:**

- 730 students enrolled
- Focus is on representation from all communities
- Largest population from Loris ever had
- Working with OBM to help alleviate some of the parking issues
- Got their first portable. Its location isn't the best but is what meets the guidelines regarding proximity to restrooms
- Open House tonight
- Computer Science winner this summer
- ACT scores, one of the highest in the state, targeted work in science
- 6 new teachers
- AP scores 82%
- Clubs are starting, TSA is largest chapter in the state

### **Request to Change Mascot and School Colors at CFES:**

- Would like to bring unity to the CF cluster by incorporating the high school colors and mascot at the elementary school
- SIC has voted to adopt this change
- School would like to become a panther cub
- PTA is willing to fund some costs for painting to ensure everything matches on the school sign, building, and materials

**Motion:** CFE principal made a motion to adopt the panther cub as the school's new mascot and to change the school colors to match CFHS. Dawn McKinney seconded the motion

**Discussion:** Discussion ensued regarding changing of attendance lines in the future, schools' desire to cluster, cost efficiency of this change, is there support from the community.

**Vote:** In favor of the adoption (unanimous)

**Note:** To bring it before the school board, a copy of the SIC meeting minutes, CF advisory board meeting minutes will need to be sent to John Poston. Additionally, the school's SIC president and an advisory board representative will need to attend the next school board meeting. This meeting will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **School Board News:**

#### **Ray Winters – District 3**

- Fewest number of complaints of opening of schools this year.
- Please share traffic concerns with county council.

- Lisa, manager at Plantation Storage providing information on when light is not changing correctly
- Share the numbers of county council with parents. Parents can call council members about traffic.

#### **John Poston – District 8**

- Thanks to the Advisory Board Members
- Working hard to close the budget gap, good board that is working hard
- CF Advisory Board is the largest in area-lots of new members
- Please stay in contact with the community and be receptive
- Attend meetings
- Serve on appeals boards when needed
- Call if you have questions about policies, etc.

#### **Lorraine Mallon, Vice-Chair**

- Receiving questions from parents about teachers leaving OBM and going to TOM
- 875 students will be attending TOM
- 2/3 of staff leaving OBM to go to TOM, 2 Assistant Principals

#### **Advisory Board Commitment/Information-Lorraine Mallon**

- Be sure to adhere to the responsibilities of the position and take the Commitment seriously
- Wants member from all schools to either be advisory board members at feeder schools or on SIC at their schools

#### **Advisory Board Comments/Questions**

- BWMS commented on the bus issues the middle schools are experiencing. There are not enough buses for after school events such as football, etc. Principal was told cheerleaders could not attend game because of transportation. John Gardner responded for her to contact Daryl Brown and work through his department to resolve this issue. Gaye Driggers mentioned there was a need to discuss this issue on a broader scale. This will also impact transportation at high school and facilities.
- Badges-When will badges be created? Where?
- International Drive update-The contract on I drive was entered into in March. The contractors have one year to complete the project.

#### **CF Advisory Board Scheduled Meetings for 2017-18 School Year:**

- January 25, 2018, Carolina Forest Elementary
- April 19, 2018 Ten Oaks Middle

Before adjournment, John Gardner asked that we approve the meeting minutes from April 20, 2017. The minutes were approved. He also asked that everyone submit the advisory board Commitment paperwork.

Motion to adjourn at 1:35