**Wards Creek School Advisory Council**

**December 14th, 2015**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Attendees are attached on a separate list.

**Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Wards Creek Elementary School Advisory Council was held in the Wards Creek Elementary Media Center on December 14th, 2015. Staci Farrell called the meeting to order. Heather Clubb recorded minutes for this meeting.

**Minutes:**

The Minutes from last month’s meeting were reviewed. The motion to approve the minutes was moved by Dana Smith and Charlotte Hartley seconded the motion.

**Principal’s Report:**

The DOE released the simulation report which shows Wards Creek ranking at an “A.” The cut scores used for this report must be approved in January by the State Board of Education. There is a message from the Superintendent on the District website explaining why we as a state do not want to adopt the national cut scores (NAEP), as it would negatively impact students, teachers, etc. Here is a link to the report: <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

A question was posed to the group about recent federal legislation-The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed by President Obama on December 10, 2015. This reauthorizes the 50-year-old Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). There are some changes to the bill in comparison to NCLB. Changes will be forthcoming involving accountability, standards, etc.

There will be a new elementary school for World Golf Village. There will be some rezoning involved.

**PTO Report**

Boosterthon is coming in January. Pep rally will be January 12th and the run will happen on January 22nd. Daddy Daughter Dance will be in February. The date will be forthcoming.

**SAC Needs Survey:**

Every year the whole district does a parent and staff survey. Some questions are dictated by the district, but then schools can add additional questions. The questions have varied over the years. Lisa Bielefeldt asked the group to consider any specific areas we would like to address on this year’s survey.

Dana Smith offered the question: “What is your preferred method of communication from your child’s teacher? From the school?”

Principal Edie Jarrell mentioned including a question about homework. Chamane Williams added to that topic by suggesting to address online versus paper-based homework. Patricia Maxham also added how much parent involvement should there be in the day-to-day homework time.

Lisa Bielefeldt asked for members to email her any questions or thoughts regarding the survey.

**Adjournment**:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dana Smith and Elizabeth Janssen seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Next SAC meeting will be January 11th, 2015 at 6:00pm.