

Windy Ridge School - Coffee w/Concepcion

Notes from the January 11 th , 2008

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Agenda:

#1 - Progress Book

#2 - FCAT Testing

#3 - SAC Survey on Zoomerang

Topic 1 - Progress Book

- ✦ Progress Book- information, accuracy, comprehensive tool for communication for grades and attendance. It is proactive rather than reactive. WR is in wave one implementation.
- ✦ Progress Book is in a learning process. Change is good and as usual some people do not like change. Progress Book is being used with just about every grade level. Parent really like the Progress Book with clear and concise information.
- ✦ Progress Book has some problems but they can be worked out. Feel free to contact Jay Carcara, extension 2238 with positives and challenges.

Topic 2 - FCAT Testing

- ✦ FCAT we are beginning to focus on the process. It is a culmination of skills. Grades 3rd - 8th will be tested. Subjects to be tested Reading, Writing (4th only), Math, Science (5th and 8th). We will also administer the NRT assessment. FCAT: multiple choice, short and long responses. The NRT is multiple choice only. NRT assess national norms. FCAT assess Sunshine State Standards.
- ✦ Data collected on assessments show that WR is on track for maintaining the school grade of "A". Our intervention plan is in place and we are practicing with mini assessments.
- ✦ FCAT mandatory retention is in 3rd grade only. This is state generated based on the reading by age 9 criteria. This retention is based on reading.
- ✦ School presentation is priority that is established from day one of school with students.
- ✦ Parents would like an answer key with the FCAT information that is sent home by the teacher to parents to help parents work with their child. Maybe teachers can post this information via their website.

- ✚ FCAT: 3 or above passing
 - LV 1 or 2: below grade level
 - Grading system for school
 - # of students to be tested
 - Calendar
 - Points are increasing for maintaining the "A" grade
 - Security issues (must be trained)
 - Formula for proctors (30 or more students) yes needed
 - Slogan: FCAT got questions. We got answers.
 - *Parents need to know the options available when the child is not successful at the 3rd grade level.

Topic 3 - SAC Survey on Zoomerrang

- ✚ SAC Survey w/ Zoomerang.
 - Computer program w/be used this year.
 - Confidentiality w/be maintained.
 - One survey per family that will address each grade for the students.
 - Quick turn-around
 - Parent at SAC really liked the new process
 - Paper copy will be available for parents that do not have computers
 - Computer will be established at school for parents to take the survey when they come to school.
 - They can access the survey at a link on the WR website.

- ✚ Newsletter WR Chronicle: Parents think that the new parent newsletter was great. Keep up the good work! 😊

Dates for future coffee's

- ✓ **February 7th**
- ✓ **March 7th**
- ✓ **April 4**