

MINUTES OF THE HIGHTOWER TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

09.28.12

The meeting was called to order at 8:04am. School Council members attending: Terri Rittenberg, Laura Montgomery, Donna Flood, Donna Holland, Susan Keesee, Kirstin Baillie, Steve Budow, Paula Hunt, and Catherine Hackney.

As Rachael Krussell had to step down as School Council Chair due to family commitments, Kirstin Baillie agreed to step in as the new Chair. She was nominated by Susan Keesee and seconded by Terri Rittenberg. Susan Keesee was nominated by Kirstin Baillie and seconded by Terri Rittenberg to be Vice Chair. That vote carried.

There was discussion of another person being appointed to the Council. Kirstin will invite Jim Menozzi as a parent representative as well as business representative. He had shown an interest in joining the school council previously.

OLD BUSINESS

Parking Lot: the horseshoe is working better. Lanes 3&4 are working well. Pulled teacher from the bottom of the lot to the band lane. Laura Montgomery said she was very pleased as she is able to empty the building of students in approximately 12 minutes.

We are now taking the parking lot project off of the school council agenda.

SPLOST 4: pavig lot and new car lane. There will be a meeting on 10/15/12 at 7:45 at Dickerson Middle School. to discuss SPLOST4. Steve Budow and Kirstin Baillie at least will be attending the meeting. Kimberley Euston will be presenting.

On 10/18 at 8am, there will be a meeting at Dodgen Middle School, led by Meghan Richie, of all of the Pope Feeder Schools respective school councils. QBE to be discussed. Steve Budow, Terri Rittenberg, and Laura Montgomery will be attending this meeting. We will meet with Laura Montgomery to discuss SPLOST4 (i.e. priorities for our funds from SPLOST4) before the meeting. That meeting will occur on 10/12/12 at 8:00am in the large conference room.

BRICK PROJECT

The Brick Project was presented to Kim Scofi, she likes the idea, but there are not funds for it. There was discussion about how to get this done, possibly through our Partner in Education Home Depot. We need to talk with Rob Williams, Joe Lombardi

and others to hopefully get a grant for the materials through Home Depot. A committee will be formed for this.

UNIFORMS

There was discussion of uniforms once again. Garrett Middle School has uniforms, East Cobb MS has “standard school attire”. This consists of a T-shirt, either East Cobb or Wheeler High School, or a collared shirt with jeans or khaki pants or shorts. If the dress code is violated, the student gets a warning, then the parents are contacted, and if still no change, the student receives ISS. It was decided that we would use this year to research this idea and possibly institute the change for the 2013-2014 school year.

Kirstin Baillie proposed that the focus of the year be the Brick Project. That was agreed to and decided that we would hopefully have this project underway by Spring, 2013.

STEM CERTIFICATION

Laura Montgomery will be looking into and attempting to get Hightower Trail STEM certified. Their criteria meets well with our school population.

ACTION ITEMS

Contact Jim Menozzi/Kathleen Fields

Dodgen/Dickerson meetings

SPLOST4 Plans

HTMS Priority List, Paula will email

Meeting with Laura Montgomery to discuss priorities for SPLOST4 will be 10/12/12