

Hightower Trail Middle School School Council Meeting Agenda August 26, 2015

Attendees: Michele Bauer, Brad Bebee, Adria Casey, Garrett Grashuis, Lauren Grey, Laura Montgomery, Tara Riddle, Julie Thomas, Beth Weiss

Absent: None

Agenda Item	Action Required	Summary	Action Item
1. Pledge of Allegiance	Information		
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting	Decision	Minutes were not available for review. They will be read at next meeting.	
3. Principal's report & Introduction	Information Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura gave an overview of the new parking lot and some of the challenges and the status of the new roof. • There needs to be a School Council rep attend the monthly Building Leadership Team (BLT) meetings. 	Yes
4. School council training video	Information	The School Council watched the Cobb County training video.	
5. Elect officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary	Decision	The group elected officers for the 2015-16 year: Chair: Tara Riddle; Vice Chair: Adria Ward; Secretary: Julie Thomas	
6. Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress code 	Discussion	The group discussed a letter Laura received about the dress code enforcement for girls. The school wants to avoid using explanations which state that a girls clothes are a distraction to boys – the Council believes that this sends a message of gender bias. It was decided that the staff should provide a consistent message about why dress code is important, emphasizing consistent standards promote a professional learning environment for all students and teachers.	Yes
7. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Mandated reporter B. 2015-16 Meeting dates & times C. Bulletin board 	Information & Decision	<p>A. Laura described the mandated reporter policy and process.</p> <p>B. <u>The Council will meet on the following dates:</u> 9/16 (Wed), 10/21 (Wed), 11/17 (Tues), 1/20 (Wed), 2/24 (Wed), 3/16 (Wed), 4/27(Wed). Meetings will be from 7:45 – 9:00 AM in the conference room.</p> <p>C. Laura explained the council can use the bulletin board to post pertinent information.</p>	

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Action Items

Action Item	Owner	Due Date	Status
Provide May meeting minutes for vote	Laura Montgomery	9/16	
Publically post information (signs, Husky Highlights) about upcoming Council meetings – Coordinate with Windsor McFadden	Julie Thomas, Tara Riddle	Ongoing	
Assign council rep. to attend the Sept. BLT meeting	Beth Weiss	9/30, 8 AM Media Center	
Provide teachers with a statement to explain the dress code policy and what to say to a student when he or she violates the policy. Review the statement with teachers during an upcoming staff meeting.	Laura Montgomery	9/16	

Status: New, Open, Deferred, and Completed

Minutes submitted by Julie Thomas, 9/27/15