

School Council Meeting Minutes

September 11,2013

The first School Council meeting of the year began at 7:50 AM.

Those in attendance were Susan Keesee, Catherine Hackney, Leslie Juhn, Paula Hunt, Teresa Mullaney, Chris Hill, Sheila Shelton, and Laura Montgomery.

We proceeded by saying the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a review of the last School Council meeting minutes which was held on 3/01/2013.

Mrs. Montgomery gave her report which included the current student count of 1018 students. Having this number of students helps stabilize the current teachers at HTMS.

Per protocol, we watched a training video specifically for School Council members. This is a requirement of the Cobb County Board of Education.

Council Officer nominations were made and approved as follows:

Chairperson—Paula Hunt

Vice Chairperson—Susan Keesee

Secretary—Leslie Juhn

Old business included parking lot safety. There is an increase in the amount of traffic in the parking lot, especially in the afternoon. Parents continue to ignore the “pull forward” signs, thus backing up traffic further. Six faculty members are out front to help keep traffic moving. It was discussed that having an 8th grader dressed up in the mascot costume in the morning carpool line to help remind cars to pull forward to the first sign.

Other old business that was discussed concerned developing outdoor areas for student use. Pope Junior Lacrosse provides landscaping around the school to show their appreciation for the use of the fields for games and practices. They also provide funds for the upkeep of the grounds. The school is working on a grant for the patio area that would provide 11 picnic tables as well as bricks for the patio. The school is selling bricks for this area, and this is going well. It is estimated that 3,000-4,000 dollars are need to complete the patio (including sand and gravel). The grant through Lowes would provide \$3500. This grant is due 10/13/2013.

While commemorative bricks have been selling, promoting the sale needs to continue. Purchasing one of the smaller bricks for \$35 will provide approximately 30 bricks total for the patio. Purchasing the

larger brick for \$75 will provide approximately 80 bricks. It was suggested that the Pod Moms send out an email with the order form attached.

New business included information on why members of the School Council are Mandatory Reporters. It was emphasized that if we have any question about a child's safety, we are required by the school board to report what we know or suspect.

The School Council will continue to meet at 7:45AM on a monthly basis, with the next scheduled meeting to be 10/16/2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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