

# Hightower Trail Middle School - School Council Meeting Minutes

## Wed. September 7, 2016

Attendees: Laura Montgomery, Lauren Gray, Garrett Grashuis, Brad Beebee, Heather Taylor, Julie Thomas, JoEllen Smith, Jenn Levine

Absent: Michele Bauer

Agenda Item	Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call to Order &amp; Pledge of Allegiance</li> </ul>	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions</li> </ul>	All
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Officer Elections</li> </ul>	Chair: Julie Thomas Vice Chair: Heather Taylor Secretary: Jenn Levine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Business</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandated Reporter: all members completed form after a short discussion</li> <li>• 2016-2017 Meeting Dates: Oct. 11, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Bulletin Board (will be updated with new council members/positions)</li> <li>• Review of School Strategic Plan/Brainstorming Ideas for 2016-2017 school year</li> <li>• Goal of increasing schoolwide lexile scores, as assessed by the RI (Reading Inventory) 4x/year               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students already read for 10 min. during homeroom</li> <li>• Reading logs were suggested</li> <li>• Extra credit for reading</li> <li>• DEAR (Drop Everything and Read)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Goal of increasing schoolwide Lexile scores, as assessed by the RI (Reading Inventory) 4x/year               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using weekly CAPS assessment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• HTMS moving towards AdvancED STEM certification               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council to help facilitate event(s) in Jan./Feb. with community members to expose students to career paths/opportunities in the STEM field</li> <li>• KSU coming in Oct. to facilitate STEM related activities</li> </ul> </li> <li>• "Coffee with Principal": topics TBD (ex. Pope</li> </ul>

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	<p>Counselor re: high school overview)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Misc: all Cobb Co. middle schools have returned to a quarter system, while high schools remain on a semester system</li> </ul>
Next meeting date	<b>Tues., October 11, 2016</b>

### *Action Items*

Action Item	Owner	Due Date	Status
School Council to help coordinate STEM activities in Jan./Feb.	Julie	TBD	<b>New</b>

**Status: New, Open, Deferred, and Completed**

Minutes submitted by Jenn Levine, Secretary

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