

School Council Meeting Minutes

Lindley Middle School

October 17, 2017

Present: Dr. Dana Giles, LeResa James, Melanie Allen, Sabrina Richardson, Darsha Brooks, Njeri Fulwood, Unique Clay, Sannae Moore, Sonya Spivey

Absent: Tamuriel Sanford

Call to Order

Outgoing Chairperson LeResa James called the meeting to order at 8:10am

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Giles led the pledge of allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Outgoing Chairperson LeResa James called a motion to switch the order of the agenda to allow Dr. Giles to deliver her Principal's Report in order to make it to another meeting. Motion was seconded by Sabrina Richardson and Dr. Darsha Brooks. Agenda was approved.

Report of the Principal

Dr. Giles touched on many topics for her Quarter 1 Reflections

Glows & Grows

ESOL Department hosting several mini fundraisers in preparation for the Fiesta on October 26th for Hispanic Heritage Month. We have a new club, Sabor Latinos (A Taste of Flavor)

Band performed at the Cobb County School District Teacher of the Year Celebration and performed with the Pebblebrook HS Mighty Marching Band

Arts and Career Connections saw gains on the 1st Quarter SLO assessment (Student Learning Objectives)

ELA now using new standards aligned to the GA Standards of Excellence

ELA classes administered the Touchstone Assessment and the results were higher than last year's scores and competitive with the County

More students are reading independently based on interest and common understanding which shows an increase in Lexile scores and analysis skills for students.

Math department is using tiered assignments and will start the Math focused EOG classes on October 23, 2017. Our tutorial funding was cut in half this year. Math EOG is a way to address student needs while they are in school. Math teachers are meeting weekly with Ms. Richardson to plan and meet student needs

Social Studies 7th grade showed an average growth of 25% on the post-assessment for the Geography of Southwest Asia unit. Social Studies department will also host the Social Studies Fair

PBIS visibility throughout the building – Opening of the Falcons EpiStore, increased opportunities to celebrate students, Pep Rally and decrease in discipline in September by 52 incidents

New lesson plan formats with increased focus on our gifted/advanced learners

Increased instructional development of staff with more staff members attending conferences and trainings with the use of Periscope and Staff Development

Open Discussion

James asked about how the staff has embraced the PBIS initiatives. Brooks answered with positive transition and seen buy in and improvement. Brooks also stated that this was a paradigm shift for our staff and we are seeing year two growth and development from staff. Administrative team has been modeling the tenants of the Falcon 5 for staff as well. James also shared information about electronic tracking of incentives.

School Council Training Video viewed by all

Code of Ethics signed by all

Since we did not have a quorum we were not able to elect officers at this meeting.

Next meeting was scheduled for November 7, 2017 at 8:00 am in the Parent Resource Center

We will put the information on the marquee, school website and send out calls and text messages to parents.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the School Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04am by LeResa James.