

# **School Council Meeting Minutes**

## **Lindley Middle School**

**February 16, 2018**

**Present:** Dr. Dana Giles, Melanie Allen, Njeri Fulwood, Martha Williams, Sabrina Richardson, LeResa James, Tre Hutchins, Sonya Spivey, Monica DeLancy, Unique Clay, Rashida Smith

### **Call to Order**

Dr. Giles called the meeting to order at 8:04am

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Giles led the pledge of allegiance

### **Approval of Agenda/Minutes**

Dr. Giles asked for any changes to the agenda. Email from Waldron with six additional topics was acknowledged and added to the Open Discussion section of the agenda. The Agenda and Minutes were approved.

### **Report of the Principal**

**Safety** - Dr. Giles started by stating that our first priority in this building is school safety. It comes before everything. She reviewed the Code Red Drill results and shared that it was eye opening for the school. She also reviewed our check-in policy, visitor policy and sticker procedures with the Council. There are more Code Red Drills planned throughout the remainder of the school year.

**Instruction** – We are getting ready for Milestones. Students are receiving domain specific instruction for each content area. Student weaknesses are being identified so that they can receive a prescriptive measure as we identify deficits while utilizing digital resources for students. We will be launching our March Madness Milestones Readiness initiatives starting March 1, 2018. Students will have a Milestones Review Packet to take home over the Winter Break. This is part of our plan to help students with information attainment from the weather days of missed instruction.

**Communication** – We added Twitter and Instagram this year as a way to reach more of our parents and the community. Please like us and stay linked to our school. Dr. Giles uploads information regularly to these social media outlets.

**Increase Partnerships with Sixth Grade Academy** – This year Dr. Giles has been more visible at many events at the Lindley 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy. She is hosting four Principal Chats to allow incoming parents an opportunity to learn more about Lindley Middle School and to ask questions about Lindley MS. The dates and times are 3/6 and 3/8 at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm. Information was sent out to the parents via Blackboard. She will be helping parents with this transition.

Question from Hutchins “What are the deficits for students?” Dr. Giles answered Literacy; reading for knowledge and reading for solving. She is looking at individual student data to help with their speaking, talking and writing skills. She also reiterated that we are using the EOG time to help students with specific learning goals by placing them in structured EOG classes. We identified bubble students (Those students that affect us in more than one sub-group for Milestones) for both Math and ELA to that they are getting the specific help they need based on their deficits. She also added that our Math teachers are getting an extra 2 hours per week and our ELA teachers are getting an extra hour per week to plan for these students.

Our CCRPI score is 61.3 and both of our feeder pattern schools have higher scores. She is planning across the board by getting our teachers ready to do crosswalks to aide in transition.

Question from Clay “Concern about the deadline for the Parent Engagement Conference in Macon, plan and communication method” Dr. Giles stated that we chose to look at a parent from the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy since we will have this parent for two years.

Questions from Clay “What about the other side of it?” Dr. Giles stated that her concern is Lindley Middle School. Fulwood added that the information about the additions to the agenda were received after the agenda was prepared so we added them for open discussion. Dr. Giles concluded her Principal’s report with the announcement of the next meeting on March 7, 2018 with special guest – Mrs. Jackie Brown form CTAE

Question from Allen “When are 8<sup>th</sup> elections due to PHS?” They are due by 2/16/18

### **Open Discussion**

Question from Hutchins “What classes do we offer?” – Career Connections

Clay – We should offer a class on Family Skills similar to what PHS is offering thorough Communities in Schools so that we can get them at an earlier age. DeLancy added the Carol Fey is the contact for Communities in Schools and this is why networking in the Community is so important. We should look into more programs like Parents as teachers and Reality U and English classes. She also suggested the South Cobb Recreation Center is the Hub for many of these programs already taking place in the Community.

Clay inquired about the 8<sup>th</sup> Activities information sheet that was sent home. She shared concern about the cost of the activities being \$85.00 as being a little too high for a Title I school. She wanted to know more about what it was covering and why we did not share this information with the Council first. Dr. Giles explained that 8<sup>th</sup> Activities are not a School Council issue and that there is a committee that has been working together since the beginning of the school year to make these events happen. Dr. Giles agreed that we should have sent this information out sooner to parents.

Dr. Giles also explained that school dances fund the PBIS incentives for students. The 8<sup>th</sup> dance is only for 8<sup>th</sup> students and the students pay the cost for the dance. It is not a fundraiser.

Clay added that Family Engagement/Involvement is a big piece of School Council.

Williams added that there are many things in school that the Council is not involved in. Williams also asked about classroom support and summer tutoring. Dr. Giles shared that we are working on a plan to get the Summer Bridge Program done this year.

Dr. Giles also shared that we had a Faith Based Brunch on 2/13/18 so that she can look at the data with our Community Partners to see how they can support the school and how we can support the community.

Smith asked about courses to help learn Spanish. Giles replied that we are looking at offering English classes but we had not considered the other option. Definitely something that we are going to look into. It was also shared that Erica Thomas has a 6-week class.

Clay asked about Hall Monitors for safety concerns and adding metal detectors. She also added that she has heard about marijuana use in the bathrooms. Giles reiterated the Code Red Procedures and that metal detectors is not something that local schools can make a decision about. Clay asked about cell phone procedures and Giles shared that the expectation is that cell phones are to be placed in the locker at the beginning of the day. Williams asked is bullying an issue at Lindley Middle School. Dr. Giles replied that bullying could look different and feel differently to many people. It has a technical definition and by definition, it is not a problem at LMS. She did go on to say that, our students do play around and do engage in adolescent behavior.

DeLancy distributed the State of Schools flyer with the overview and 2018 calendar.

Hutchins shared that the debriefing for the Unconference share-out will be on February 19 at 11:30 and 6:30 at the Epicenter.

- **Dates for Future School Council Meetings**
  - March 7, 2018 at 8:00 am
- **New Business Topics – Saved for next meeting**

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the School Council, Giles adjourned the meeting at 9:33 am.