

School Council Meeting Minutes

Lindley Middle School

November 8, 2017

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

Call to Order

Outgoing Chairperson LeResa James called the meeting to order at 8:00am

Pledge of Allegiance

L. James led the pledge of allegiance

Roles & Responsibilities

L. James reviewed the roles and responsibilities of all of the officer positions including Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary. She stated that there is an annual report submitted every year to the County and a copy placed in the main office School Council binder.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

L. James asked for any changes to the agenda. No changes added. Motion to approve the agenda done by L. James. She stated that we would use the Robert's Rules of Order to carry out our meetings as the standard for facilitating discussions and group decision-making. Motion seconded by U. Clay and approved by all. I will include a copy of the Robert's Rules of Order with the minutes.

Nominations

Chairperson – Josephine Waldron - Consented to the nomination and voted on by all.

Vice Chairperson – Martha Williams - Consented to the nomination and voted on by all.

Secretary – Njeri Fulwood - Consented to the nomination and voted on by all.

Report of the Principal

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

Glows & Grows

- Academic Progress is ½ way in 2nd Quarter

- Teachers reflected on 1st Quarter grades as compared to other teachers in their grade levels; They addressed deficits to get students to mastery; Trend reviewed for teachers with high failure rates; Other factors considered such as attendance, ESOL & SWD
- Discussed new CCRPI Score 61.3 % - 65%; Great gains in the triple star areas ELL, SWD and ED; We struggle to most with these three factors; Even though we had gains, we are still on the bottom of the list for middle schools in Cobb County School District; Floyd has a 67%
- Admin Team had a meeting with Dr. Kattoula from the County Office and will share information from that meeting at our next meeting about how the score can be broken down
- Waldron asked what the CCRPI score is. Dr. G stated it is the school's report card.
- Dr. G. shared what the expectations of the teachers and students are.
- Discipline is down this month by about 30 from the month of October. Dr. Brooks shared the nature of the infractions including G-4 Insubordination is up and Physical Aggression
- Dr. Brooks shared school-wide interventions to respond proactively and empower students to change the culture of the building
- Waldron asked about anger management classes offered and stated that this type of program helped her out a lot when she was this age.
- Williams shared that she was a state certified anger management specialist.
- James shared that the counselor at Riverside are working with a small group
- Dr. G mentioned two factors that have become more prevalent – mental illness and adolescent age, along with the transitions that our students face with 5th grade to 6th grade and finally to 7th grade. For these reasons, she is working closely with the LMS 6th Academy Principal Mrs. Magee.
- PAC – Principals Advisory Committee – Reviewing the LMS experience and take them on school tours throughout the County including McCleskey, Pine Mountain, Dickerson and McClure.
- Math Curriculum Night – Come out and learn about engaging strategies – Thursday, November 9, 2017
- Clay asked about infractions based on gender and possibly PAC students visiting Garrett Middle School
- James asked about the data measurement and how it compares for a 2 year middle school vs a 3 year middle school

- As a council, we are concerned with this data and how this affects Lindley
- More questions came up on projected growth for the feeder pattern
- CTAE gives students other options outside of college including careers in carpentry, culinary automotive and horticultures
- **Dates for Future School Council Meetings**
- Clay suggested that we invite guest speakers to our future meetings including Board members and Dr. Kattoula
- December 6, 2017 – Suggest Dr. Kattoula
- TBD - February 2017 – Thayer or Dr. Brown or Jackie
- TBD - April 2017
- Suggestion made to combine meeting with Curriculum Night.
- **Open Discussion**
- It was also stated that the School Council is not required to have a project and that we would use this year as a data collection year
- Williams asked about retention
- Clay added accountability by adding cameras to the classrooms; if we keep doing the same thing then we will get the same results
- Dr. Brooks added that we are doing many things well and focusing on the things that we need to work on. We are focusing on instruction for the greatest academic gains.
- Williams added that classroom instruction needs to be supported.
- Clay added that she would continue to promote her ideas regarding cameras in the classroom.

Dr. Brooks shared that there are cameras on the bus; Williams asked if cameras would humiliated students or breach privacy; Clay stated that privacy is out the window once you come into a school.

Fulwood shared details from the Quarter 1 Awards Program; Williams asked about the Black History Program/Quiz Bowl/Performances – she would like to volunteer with any of those efforts

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the School Council, LeResa James adjourned the meeting at 9:31am.