

Student Council Meeting

October 20, 2020

Members Present:

William Wilson, Janet Mize, Jaqueline Randall, LePorsche Cannon, Casey Matthews, Justin D4

*Meeting Start – approximately 4:40pm.

Introduction of Council: Mr. Wilson

Mr. Wilson introduced the members and mentioned there will be more members joining the next meeting.

School Goals for the year/SMOSS

The SMOSS (School Strategic Plan) Mr. Wilson talked about getting information out to the community. The data most current is the 2018/2019 school year data. There are several areas that are measured with learning targets that are set by Houston County BOE. The areas shaded in red is where we need to focus. Grades 3-5 will take the state standardized test this year. The level of proficiency is the goal for each student to reach.

Istation Data

Istation reports show where a student is academically and will show the student's proficient levels for math and reading.

Title One Budget

School budgets include: School Allotment Funds, Checkbook Funds (money raised), and Title One Funds (federal money). Title one money is used to supplement student instruction. Mr. Wilson discussed a variety of ways Russell Elementary spends title one funds.

Concerns for the Council

Lighting for the parking lot is needed. Safety is our number one priority.

Parent question: What makes a school title one?

It is based off of school's free and reduced lunch and also based off of family income. The schools that feed into Northside High and Warner Robins High are currently receiving free breakfast and lunch due to a grant.

Parent question: What is the long term plan for the county as far as long distance learning?

The county is looking at future plans for providing a central location for distance learning. The district is looking at possibly not allowing a change after the 2nd quarter of school for elementary. The students will be locked in their decision until end of year.

Parent question: Any kind of communication as far as feedback with the distance learning?

Distance learning can be difficult with only meeting with the teacher for one hour. The parent

had to provide quite a bit of support for their children. Parent said he felt they were front loaded a lot of busy work instead of actually being taught.

Parent suggested that the county could be quicker when decisions are being made, however, Russell and the county have done an outstanding job with Covid-19 procedures.

Future Meeting Dates- All meetings will begin at 4:30 p.m.

November 17, 2020

January 19, 2020

March 23, 2021

May 11, 2021

*Meeting Adjourned 5:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Mize