

School Council Minutes

September 29, 2020

4:30-4:45 p.m.

Attendees:

Dr. Kasandra King-Principal

Mrs. Pamela Harper-Parent Involvement Coordinator

Mrs. Jessica Ellerbee-First Grade Teacher

Mrs. Lindsey Jenkins-First Grade Teacher

Mrs. Holmes-Parent

Mr. Welchel-Parent

Minutes:

The meeting began on September 29, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom Conferencing.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Harper-First approval

Mrs. Ellerbee-Second approval

There were no approval of minutes.

Introductions

Chasity Holmes-mother of Pre-Kindergarten student

Cainan Welchel-father of Pre-Kindergarten and Third Grade Students

Jessica Ellerbee-New to Student Council-2020-21

Lindsey Jenkins-New to Student Council-2020-21

Principal's Report

Safety Procedures for COVID-19 (hand-washing, hand sanitizing, hand sanitizing stations, Neutra-Dis on playground equipment). The custodians, teachers, and staff are all taking care and following protocol and procedures for safety to be maximized.

We have 459 students enrolled at Morningside Elementary School as of today.

301 Students are enrolled for in-person learning

158 are enrolled for distance learning.

As of today, September 29, 2020, 39 students are returning to school for in-person learning. Parents have until tonight at midnight to make changes.

Students enrolled in distance learning are held to the same standard as students who attend school in person. Excellence is expected. Distance learning students attend multiple Zoom meetings a day and attend small group instruction from the teacher to address specific needs.

Attendance is vital for students' performance. Students should attend school as much as possible to positively affect learning.

We are aware that gaps may arise due to the three-month COVID-19 shutdown and distance learning options.

The state superintendent, Richard Woods, requested that a waiver be granted to not administer the Georgia Milestones Assessment at the end of the school year. Although many were hoping for state testing to be cancelled, the waiver was denied. As of now, the Georgia Milestones Assessment will be administered in Spring, 2021.

Old Business

School council is requesting for the roles of Vice President and Secretary to be filled by a parent volunteer. Interested parents are asked to either send a note to the school or call to volunteer for these positions.

The role of the president was filled in February, 2020 before the shutdown.

Members of school council will be asked to watch a video created by Houston County Board of Education to provide information about the council and its policies.

New Business

The school year is going well. Students have conformed to the new safety guidelines. Teachers and staff are working to meet all protocols and making sure the needs of our students are met. Safety is a priority.

Mrs. Harper organized a food truck on September 24 to provide boxes of food to families and staff.

Coffee and Conversation is scheduled for September 30, 2020 at 9:30 via Zoom. This is an event to talk directly to Dr. King and ask questions. Families are encouraged to view the Title One handbook, Family Engagement handbook, and the parent engagement plan.

Parents are asked to bring any questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions to the meeting.

Dr. King asked the attendees if anyone had questions. Ms. Holmes nor Mr. Welchel had any questions at this time.

Meeting Adjourned

Mrs. Harper

Mrs. Jenkins