**Hilltop Elementary School Council**

**May 11, 2021**

The Hilltop Elementary School Council met in regular session on May 11, 2021, at 7:35 a.m. in the media center at the school.

**School Council Members Present:**

Dr. Ovedia Glover, Principal

Dr. Ruth Bennett, Assistant Principal of Instruction

Amber Haslet, Teacher

Sandy Sawyer, Teacher

Shawon Moody, Teacher & Parent

Shannon Grieshop, Teacher

Christie Baggett, Parent

Leah Aiken, Parent

Juan Manuel Figueroa, Parent

**Welcome/Acknowledgements**

Dr. Glover welcomed everyone to School Council. She thanked everyone for helping us to transition and make us better this year.

**Call to Order**

Christie Baggett made motion to call meeting to order at 7:35. Leah Aiken seconded the motion.

**Pledge**

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the March 9, 2021 and April 13, 2021 meeting were reviewed.

Christie Baggett made a motion to adopt the minutes. Leah Aiken seconded the motion.

Dr. Glover said if there are changes as you look at home, please let us know.

**Celebrations**

Everyone had a wonderful time at the 70s celebration. Teachers and children dancing together to 70s music was fun for all. Teacher Appreciation Week was wonderful as well. Thank you for the gifts from PTO and parents. We cannot do it without you.

Since we cannot have Field Day, each grade level has chosen a day from 9 to 12 that they will have a May Day. Students will do field day activities such as relay races, tug of war, water relays, and basketball shot competition. Grab and go concessions will be available for purchase.

The Summer Reading Program will be sent home at the end of the year. You can go to the Houston County Board of Education website to find a suggested reading book list and the recording sheet. Return this when school starts to celebrate. A parent letter will go home with different websites for books. Some possible sites are Epic, Tumblebooks, and the local library app called Libby.

Parking in the back is no allowed starting today to eliminate traffic on back ramp while we are doing special events.

5th grade parents will be notified this week about when they can come to the school to pick up yard signs and celebrate their child.

**GMAS Wrap-up**

The GMAS testing is finished. It went very smoothly. We didn’t have any technology problems. We don’t have the scores yet. We should receive the scores close to the last day of school for 3rd and 5th grade. We will probably receive 4th grade scores after school is out. They will be sending parent letters of how to get the scores online. We hate that it takes so long because the kids want to know their scores, but it is out of our control.

MAPS is the Measure of Academic Process. 1st through 5th grade take this test 3 times a year (fall, winter, and spring). If a student gets a question correct then the next question gets a little harder. The MAPS test provides a ZPD or Zone of Proximate Development. If Student gets question wrong, the next question gets a little easier. 50% score to show what they know and where they need to go. They get a report with immediate feedback of where to work/remediate and accelerate/challenge. The standard scale score and growth percentile shows their growth even if they aren’t on grade level.

Milestones and MAPS are used for placement for next school year.

We will have a Summer Learning Academy this year. We have 40 1st – 5th graders committed to this program. These students will be bussed to Langston Road Elementary School for Reading and Math. It is from June 7-24th, Monday – Thursday from 8:15 – 1:00. This is by invitation only. Students must meet certain criteria to get an invitation. Due to COVID, there are many gaps across the country. We are trying to make up for these gaps using IReady and Math.

**HOCO Virtual Learning Academy**

You received a phone call about the Virtual Learning Academy. The window is now open. If you sign up now, you cannot change your mind for the entire school year unless you have a 504 or IEP Plan. Parents get the word out. The window closes on May 13, 2021. It is available for grades 3 – 12 only. Research has proven that grades Pre-K through 2nd grade takes place better in the schools. There is an approval process with reasoning checks and balance. The application will be sent to school for administration to provide feedback, then the Board will make the final decision of it they are eligible for virtual learning. We had 2 requests for Virtual Learning yesterday.

**School Year 2021-2022**

We will close classrooms for this year and complete inventory. We will then establish our Pre-K Classrooms and build from there. We will then create schedules. We will wait until we have numbers before we create them.

We will have massive cleaning this summer. Custodians and administrators will be here all summer. We already ordered safety gear for next year in case it is needed.

We will have fundraisers next year that we couldn’t do this year.

We are scheduled to have a Parent Meet and Greet night the week prior to Labor Day.

Opening Session is still in the planning stages at this time for our certified staff. We have met at Southside Baptist in the past. Houston County will be 100% back in full education mode.

We will be using the IReady technology program next year. All elementary school in the county will be using this program. The District purchased it for us.

We will have summer meetings for updating our math curriculum. This will be a 2-year process to rebuild standards and curriculum.

We will be using the Fountas and Pinnell program for reading instruction.

PTO will get together a mail in silent election. Dr. Thomas is helping with this. Some nominated must then accept. They are going to try to get this completed before school is out.

**Closing**

Thank you for all you do.

Christie Baggett made the motion to close the meeting. Leah Aiken seconded the motion at 8:11 a.m.