

# Huntington School Council Meeting

**Date:** September 6, 2016

**Members Present:**, Mrs. Love, Mr. Heath, Laurie Coggins, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Ethridge

**Members Absent:** Mrs. Smith, Mr. Bryant

**Call to order:** Love, secretary, called meeting to order

**Reflection:** T. Love – Bees – Bees work hard going to at least 2,000 flowers a day to collect pollen (something we don't like but we like the results). Then the bees (over 10,000 of them must work together to make at least 60 pounds of honey just for the hive to survive the winter. Teachers are like the bees we go out separately to gather honey (different flavors) then also work together to produce honey for our students.  
Proverbs – My child, eat honey, for it is good, and the honeycomb is sweet to the taste. In the same way wisdom is sweet to your soul. If you find it, you will have a bright future, and your hopes will not be cut short.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Love, secretary, led the Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Agenda:** Ms. Love distributed the agenda posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the school council approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION:** Heath ; **SECOND:** Young

**VOTE:** 5 YES NO 0

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved, seconded, and carried that the school council approve the minutes of the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 meeting of the HMS School Council.

**MOTION:** Young ; **SECOND:** Coggins

**VOTE:** 5 YES NO 0

**Visitors:** none

**Report of Principal:**

1) STEM

- a. STEM GRANT- HMS received the STEM grant last year that enabled us to purchase many items for a STEM lab.
- b. Teachers will receive training on the STEM material Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- c. HMS passed year 1 of STEM certification and are preparing for year 2.
- d. Last Friday of each month will be STEM day and students will complete STEM activities.

2) Lexile Scores

- a. Parents who came to Open House received a brochure and heard a presentation on the importance of literacy and reading.
- b. Parents who did not come to Open House will receive the information attached to the progress reports going home this week.
- c. Encouraging at least 20 minutes of reading a night to help improved lexical scores.

3) Advisement and Hawk Time has begun.

- a. Using this time to truly meet students' academic and personal needs.
- b. Will have a guest speaker this Friday to help encourage students to live in a positive way.

- 4) EOG/ Testing
  - a. 6<sup>th</sup> graders will not be tested in Science and Social Studies but the county will complete a benchmark in order to provide practice for students and data for teachers.
  - b. SLO's will no longer be conducted
  - c. We will test using labs instead of the laptops since there was so many issues with them last year.
  - d. Write Score will be used for possibly 2 practice test to help students prepare for the writing/language arts portion of the test.
- 5) Shaw Award – Mrs. Coggins and Mr. Knutson will receive the Shaw Award for their great work with science and gifted program.
- 6) Science Fair Projects have begun with the Gifted Students.
- 7) Indistar – Focus – Still on the list even though last year was a baseline year. Still working on closing the gap, student achievement in subpopulation groups.
- 8) Next Meeting will be held December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business** – none

**New Business** – Covered in meeting

**Ms. Love calls for a motion to Adjourn:**

Motion – Heath ; Second- Coggins  
Vote: 5 YES NO 0