

Hilltop Elementary School Council

December 8, 2020

The Hilltop Elementary School Council met in regular session on December 8, 2020, at 7:34 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 Haslett, Teacher

Sandy Sawyer, Teacher

Shawon Moody, Teacher & Parent

Shannon Grieshop, Teacher

Mandy Cobb, Parent

Christie Baggett, Parent

Leah Aiken, Parent & Vice Chair

Amy Johnson, Parent

Welcome

Dr. Glover welcomed everyone to our second School Council meeting. She thanked everyone for working with us, praying with us and keeping us safe.

Call to Order

Christie Baggett made motion to call meeting to order at 7:34. Amber Haslett second the motion.

Pledge

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Minutes

We reviewed the minutes from the September meeting. These are posted on the website, and all parents can see them.

Leah Aiken made a motion to adopt the minutes. Christie Baggett seconded the motion at 7:36.

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

Review of State/System By-Laws

This is something new to the system. These State/System By-Laws will go under School Council on our page by the end of the day. Parents go through training online. The training is less than 5 minutes. If you

could not get the training to work, you may come to Dr. Glover's office after the meeting. This will be uploaded to SharePoint by December 18th.

Motion to adopt the State/System By-Laws was made by Mandy Cobb and seconded by Shawon Moody.

Enrollment for Second Semester

At the end of rezoning we were scheduled to receive 602 students. At the beginning of the year we had around 580 students enrolled. The unaccounted for students have moved, home schooled or cyber academy learning.

As of November 19th deadline for choosing virtual or in class learning we had 26 students coming back to campus and 4 going out to virtual. 2 of these students are special education students and 2 are regular education students. There have been parents calling because they missed the deadline. As of now, the Board has said no moves past the deadline.

We have about 87 virtual students being served by virtual teachers. The Board wants us to make changes, so we are working up a plan for teacher placement once the student moves occur. We may combine some virtual classes or may bring in another teacher. Dr. Glover has asked about the possibility of hybrid teaching (virtual and campus). However, that leads to difficulties with someone supervising the students on campus while teachers are teaching virtual. She contacted Teaching and Learning to see how many minutes we must have for each subject. We will know before December 16th what change will be made.

COVID Updates

Health issues and situations come up and sometimes you have to be creative and flexible. When kids are out 7 to 14 days and teachers out 14 days, we have to work as a team and get it done. We cannot allow students to get behind.

Dr. Glover hated to make the call on November 2nd. In our building (faculty and staff), the number of actual cases has only been 4. Quite frequently parent/guardians affect student quarantine needs. I had to quarantine an entire class yesterday. It was a special education class of 3. It started from a substitute teacher.

Our system nurse, Brenda Marshall comes in periodically to review procedures and look over the reports and decisions we have made as a school.

If part of cohort group, we can have 15 minutes or less of contact at a time if not 6 feet or further away. The cut off for quarantine is 3rd party. The number of days of quarantine has changed from 10 - 14 days to 7 -10 days. We go with the honor system. Parents calling and saying I feel sick, or tested without results yet should stay home while waiting for those results.

Closing

Thank you for all you do.

Fundraisers – Cherrydale fundraiser netted a profit of \$4,933.00. We have had a few small fundraisers, Belk charity sale gave us \$145.00 and we had a in house faculty pop-up store that donated \$260.00 to

our adult fund. We are finalizing the Spirit Wear sale with Graphic Guys and we will be able to give totals for that at next meeting.

These were the only fundraisers we will do besides hat/PJ day. We will be sticking to our budget this year.

We are trying to keep some normalcy in the building. Holiday parties are based on safety first and will take place December 14th – 18th. It is up to the teacher's discretion.

18th is half day with 12:30 release for elementary. We will follow our regular routine of breakfast and lunch with a modified time.

Mrs. Aiken asked if they will do lunches during Christmas break like they did during summer. If so, what campus and time for pickup. Dr. Glover will find out.

Teachers are resilient and work hard. Dr. Glover is thankful for them as this pandemic has added another layer of stress. They are doing a super job and we cannot thank them enough.

Thank you, School Council, for working with us.

Haslett said that kids are doing a great job with masks and sanitizer.

Parents are having the kids follow the rules.

Remember to check calendar for the holiday dress up.

Christie Baggett made the motion to close the meeting. Mandy Cobb seconded the motion at 8:07 a.m.