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Lake Joy Primary School Council Minutes October 17, 2019

Present: Pat Chiappetta, Candice Scott, Jodi Short, Shela McCracken, Chris Bentley, and April Strevig

April Strevig started the meeting with the pledge. She then opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed. Pat Chiappetta then made a motion to approve the agenda. Jodi Short seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The minutes of the May meeting were reviewed. Pat Chiappetta then made a motion to approve the agenda. Jodi Short seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The first order of business was to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the council. Pat Chiappetta was nominated and elected by a unanimous vote. Candice Scott was nominated and elected by a unanimous vote.

Jodi Short and April Strevig discussed the design for the new EIP model for FY20. There are three additional models this year, and Lake Joy is using all three to better serve the students at Lake Joy. Also, the three models allow us to serve more students and track the progress of our students more effectively.

The next order of business a review of the new curriculum initiatives. The county has provided Second Step which is a social and emotional curriculum for all students. It is taught in the classroom twice a week and then Mrs. Davis and Dr. Washington have several lessons that they are teaching as well. Our school is also exploring STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) through the use of STEAM carts that were purchase from PTO over the summer. Students are engaged in activities that help with problems solving, building, and robotic use and development. All teachers in K – 2 have received the Phonics Units of Study and resource kits for the curriculum. We have had very positive feedback from teachers. Our school is also administering the MAPS testing in K – 2. Scores are predictors of on-grade level progress and future GMAS scores. Some districts in Georgia are already piloting MAPS as their GMAS test.

April reviewed the work of our PLC this year. Our staff is continuing to develop and plan AO activities to enrich and remediate our essential standards. We are also continuing our work

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with Common Formative Assessments, and working on deconstructing our standards and completing "I can" statements for each standard.

Candice Scott gave an update from PTO – the PTO is currently raising funds to purchase additional playground equipment. She is working with companies to possible match some of the funds raised.

April gave an update for the sign. We are still waiting for all of the construction in the area to be completed to make sure that we will not have to re-do a sign once the job is complete.

Our county has a new attendance policy for staff and students. Our school is rewarding teachers for perfect attendance as well as students monthly, quarterly, semiannually and annually.

We also discussed the sheet we are using to continue to keep up with student progress from year to year. Pat Chiappetta mentioned added a "softer spot" to the data. How are the children socially? Do they get along well with others? How are they in class? The council agreed that we need to add that and it will be added to the current form.

With no additional discussions, a motion to adjourn was made by Jodi Short. Shela McCracken seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting is February 6, 2020.