

Minutes for the School Council Meeting
Veterans High School Council
January 22, 2020

The Veterans High School Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 7:00 a.m., in the media center - 340 Piney Grove Road, Kathleen, GA 31047.

Council Members Present:

Steve Atkins, Amy Barbour, Angel Brown, Anissa Driggers, and Megan Jones

School Council Members Absent:

Mark Byrd and Neal Musmanno

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Angel Brown, chairperson, called the meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Brown led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

3. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Barbour distributed the agenda posted pursuant of the Open Meetings Act. Steve Atkins motioned to accept the agenda, and Megan Jones seconded. The vote was unanimous.

4. Approval of Minutes

A vote to approve the minutes from December 15, 2019 was taken. Anissa Driggers motioned to approve the minutes, and Megan Jones seconded. The vote was unanimous.

5. Recognition of Visitors

Mrs. Brown recognized Ms. Stacy Brunelle, PBIS coach.

6. Presentation(s) to School Council

Ms. Stacy Brunelle presented the draft of the school's PBIS matrix for the 2020-2021 school year and its use to support and further develop a safe school culture. She explained the team's process of using the school's discipline data, staff survey data, and staff feedback to create and edit the draft thus far. She stated this year is the training and planning year for the school and staff, and that we would be in implementation next school year. She solicited feedback from the school council members present, and provided a copy for them to take and review after the meeting for further feedback. Dr. Barbour discussed the use of PBIS relative to school culture and CCRPI evaluations in the future. Mrs. Jones and Col. Atkins additionally discussed how the process meets recognitions and discipline procedures already in place.

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7. Report of the Principal

- Exemption results

	F18	F19
9th graders failing 1	10%	8.26%
9th grader failing more than 1	12.1%	9.60%
10th graders failing 1	9.9 %	10.3%
10th graders failing more than 1	9.7 %	6.8%
11th graders failing 1	9.6 %	9.54%
11th graders failing more than 1	5.8 %	3.42%
12th graders failing 1	4.5 %	4.3%
12th graders failing more than 1	less than 1 %	1.69%
Overall school % of students failing 1	8.76 %	8.13%
Overall school % of students failing more than 1	7.43 %	5.54%

Attendance At/Below 5 Days absences		
	<=5 Absences	Percentage
9	357	79.70%
10	317	74.40%
11	313	76.50%
12	288	69.40%

Dr. Barbour reviewed the provided data relative to exemption policy implementation for the fall semester. Mrs. Jones asked about the impact of alternative discipline; Dr. Barbour stated it had lowered, along with ISS assignments. Mrs. Jones stated that the exemption change had not adversely affected students who primarily strived for As, but Col. Atkins further stated that some students with a high B sometimes don't opt for the exam to earn the A. Ms. Brunelle added that it had, on occasion, had an adverse affect on AP students with the impact of quality points.

- Addition update

Dr. Barbour updated the council on the school's multipurpose room and classroom addition, stating we are still looking at a fall 2020 start date with one construction site phase versus the previous two. The architect is still in the developing stage with the county personnel before take plans for board approval.

- Night Advisement: 3.2.20-3.4.20

Dr. Barbour reviewed the upcoming Night Advisement processes for students and staff to prepare for parent/student advisement in March.

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- Awards programs: Freshmen, 4.7.20/Sophomores, 4.8.20/Juniors, 4.9.20/Seniors, May 12
- Celebrations
 - 2020 Valedictorian – Isha Shah/2020 Salutatorian – Colton Walker
 - STAR Student – Ethan Dorr/STAR Teacher – Alan Bowers
 - All-State Chorus – 22 student participants
 - All-State Band - Hailey Tayag & Weza Jamison-Neto
 - Swim County Champions
 - Wrestling – State Duals runners up

Dr. Barbour reviewed the above celebrations, along with upcoming region swim and the additional wrestling competitions to come.

9. Old Business

No old business was reviewed.

10. New Business

Dr. Barbour discussed 2020-2021 School Council member elections as scheduled in April. She asked for council feedback and help in finding volunteers willing to run and serve in two positions to be vacated.

Dr. Barbour stated that Teacher Appreciation Week is scheduled for May 4-8. She thanked the council for their hard work and donations to make last year's teacher appreciation week so great for the teachers. Col. Atkins stated that ROTC plans to contribute to the week by doing a breakfast one day, and Mrs. Brown stated that they would start to solicit parent feedback and donations to start the planning process.

11. Executive Session

None held

12. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the school council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35, by Mrs. Angel Brown. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, 3.18.20, in the Veterans High School media center.