

# Minutes of School Council Meeting

Pearl Stephens Elementary

Date: 18 February 2021

## School Council Members

Gloria Smith, Principal  
Nicole Harrell, Teacher  
Malinda Rangel, Teacher

Tina Lowe, secretary-council  
Danyel Allen, vice-president-council  
Jessica Collins, president-council

Pearl Stephens School Council met virtually on Day: Thursday, Date: 2-18-2021 at  
Time: 5:30pm.

School Council members present: Gloria Smith, Nicole Harrell, Danyel Allen

School Council members absent: Malinda Rangel, Tina Lowe and Jessica Collins

3 members were present, representing a quorum.

### **1. Call to Order**

Member: Principal Smith called the meeting to order at Time: 5:37pm.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Member: Principal Smith distributed the agenda posted pursuant to the  
Open Meetings Act.

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

Motion: Ms. Harrell Second: Ms. Cobb;

Vote x Yes        No

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

Member: Mrs. Smith distributed the minutes of the 12-10-2020 meeting  
of the school council.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the school council approve the minutes of the  
12-10-2020 meeting.

Motion: Ms. Harrell; Second: Ms. Cobb;

Vote: x Yes        No

#### **4. Recognition of Visitors**

Mrs. Smith recognized our visitors:

Kyon Cobb, API  
Sharon Kirksey, Teacher  
Donna Hunter, Family Engagement Coordinator  
Gwen Williams, parent  
Auriel Hardy, student  
Mikaela Hammel, student  
J'lexus Brook, student  
Jonathon Napier, student  
Auriel Hardy, student

#### **5. Presentation(s) to School Council**

None.

#### **6. Report of Principal**

#### **7. Old Business**

- a. Reviewed old business from the December 10, 2020 school council meeting.
  1. 20-21 goals: PBIS – decrease OSS, ISS and after school detention.
  2. Academics up by 3%; parent involvement increased by 30%.
  3. Safety is the #1 goal; reminder about social distancing, washing hands and sanitizing.
  4. CCRPI waiver for 2020; Climate rating 4
  5. Upcoming events – virtual activities.

#### **8. New Business**

- a. Nacho sales twice from PBIS fundraiser. Raised over \$500 each time for Warrior store.
- b. Reading for Education – Ms. Hunter explained the fundraiser. To date, over \$1,000 in sales and more than \$300 in school earnings has been made.
- c. Community business partners gave donations to our school: CME Church gave teachers goody bags with masks in December and hats, mittens and scarves in January.
- d. We held virtual family nights in January: Facebook Math and Virtual Literacy with over 300 engagements.
- e. Community activities included donating 662 canned goods to Bonaire United Methodist Church food pantry that our students donated in January. In February we provided 11 bowls of Lifesaver Candies along with signed Valentine hearts from our students to the nurses stations at Houston Medical Center. In March, we plan on providing seeds to plant with their parents in our “Growing Together” series.
- f. Current GMAS Schedule:
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade – science, reading and math – April 19<sup>th</sup>
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade – reading and math – April 26<sup>th</sup>
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – reading and math – May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- g. MAPS – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> meet projected growth from fall to winter – norm referenced.
- h. Discussed new Fonts and Pinnell Resources; reading – there is work to do. 5<sup>th</sup> grade meeting projected growth. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> still working on reading growth.

- i. Specific data for PBIS – 4 in ISS.
- j. Need one more business parent to join school council
- k. Cares Act
  - 1. 60 additional laptops
  - 2. 7 carts in building; goal is 2 carts per grade level.
- l. Title 1 Money
  - 1. Additional money going to teachers for collaborative planning after school
  - 2. Purchased 61 laptops for classrooms.
- m. Q&A
  - 1. Mask questions
  - 2. Fundraiser question

Motion: Harrell ; Second: Cobb

Vote: x Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**9. No executive session was held**

**10. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the school council, the meeting was adjourned at Time: 6:33pm.

Motion: Hunter ; Second: Harrell

Vote: x Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No