

Minutes for the School Council Meeting
Veterans High School Council
January 20, 2021

The Veterans High School Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 7:15 a.m., in room 1203 - 340 Piney Grove Road, Kathleen, GA 31047.

Council Members Present:

Julie Andrews, Amy Barbour, Angel Brown, Bill Connelly, and Denisa Davis

School Council Members Absent:

Gary Garrard and Megan Jones

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. Denisa Davis motioned to accept the agenda, and Julie Andrews seconded. The acceptance was unanimous.

4. Approval of Minutes

A vote to approve the minutes from November 18, 2020 was taken. Julie Andrews motioned to approved the minutes, and Denisa Davis seconded. The approval was unanimous.

5. Recognition of Visitors

No visitors were present.

7. Report of the Principal

- End of Semester grades comparison/preliminary

	F18	F19	F20 (prelim)
9th graders failing 1	10%	8.26%	8.9%
9th grader failing more than 1	12.1%	9.60%	13.4%
10th graders failing 1	9.9 %	10.3%	6.2%
10th graders failing more than 1	9.7 %	6.8%	7.8%
11th graders failing 1	9.6 %	9.54%	7.9%
11th graders failing more than 1	5.8 %	3.42%	7.4%
12th graders failing 1	4.5 %	4.3%	7.9%
12th graders failing more than 1	less than 1 %	1.69%	3.9%
Overall school % of students failing 1	8.76 %	8.13%	7.7%
Overall school % of students failing more than 1	7.43 %	5.54%	8.4%

- COVID/Attendance impact
- Tutoring/remediation impact

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- Distance Learning impact

Dr. Barbour reviewed the preliminary semester grades, in comparison to prior fall semesters. She stated that the grades are not completely finalized as there are distance learning extensions and makeup exams that remain to finalize which will affect the overall percentages. She stated the fluctuating attendance based on quarantine absences as one impact on the performance rates; additionally, not having tutoring opportunities most of the semester outside of the classroom remediation days was another factor. Dr. Barbour stated tutoring was offered after school in a limited capacity the last month of the semester, but that before school tutoring with all teachers will be implemented in the spring starting in February. After school tutoring will be offered twice a month for distance learning students and in person students for targeted areas. Further, the impact of distance learning was felt, as many students underperformed or didn't complete courses in the distance learning platform.

- COVID procedures/quarantining update

Dr. Barbour reviewed the updated COVID quarantining parameters and the school level COVID procedures and processes.

- Facility update/Transportation update

Dr. Barbour gave an update on the construction, with the multipurpose building foundation being laid and the impact on the bus transportation plan and the dismissal plan. The school moved to a two bell dismissal and to a PM parking lot bus plan without any issues, and the bus transportation plan will be in place until the conclusion of construction.

- 2021-2022 Advisement planning

Due to COVID restrictions, parent conferencing in large scale in the cafeteria as in the past is not possible. Dr. Barbour reviewed the plan for advisement, with fourth period teachers being the points of contact for parents in lieu of traditional advisors. Students will still get teacher recommendation for course placement, review the placement and needs with the fourth period teacher, and take a copy home for parent review. Parents will confirm the schedule or request a zoom/teleconference via email with the fourth period teacher. She stated information will be sent to parents with the process and important dates via email.

- Awards planning

Dr. Barbour stated that the school still plans for spring awards and student recognition, and the school will look at alternate ways to recognize students if whole group assemblies are still not possible in late spring.

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9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 3-7

The group discussed starting to have ideas for teacher appreciation week in line with COVID restrictions. School Council has supported the school level in recognizing and thanking the staff in the past, and will start to plan ideas/days and seek volunteers or donors to help support that effort.

11. Executive Session

None held

12. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the school council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10, by Mrs. Angel Brown. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, 3.3.21, in room 1203.