

Hilltop Elementary School Council

December 12, 2019

The Hilltop Elementary School Council met in regular session on December 12, 2019, at 7:30 a.m. in the media center at the school.

School Council Members Present:

Dr. Ovedia Glover, Principal

Dr. Ruth Bennett, Assistant Principal of Instruction

Shannon Grieshop, Teacher

Amber Haslett, Teacher

Sandy Sawyer, Teacher

Brian Fleming, Parent

Angela Burke, Parent

Quincy Gonder, Parent

Call to Order

Sandy Sawyer made motion to call meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Shannon Grieshop seconded.

Opening/Welcoming

Dr. Glover welcomed everyone to our second School Council meeting this year. She presented the parents with a Hilltop umbrella.

Adoption of Minutes

Meeting minutes from September 12, 2019, were distributed and reviewed. Angela Burke made a motion to adopt the minutes and Quincy Gonder seconded the motion.

School-Wide Data

Dr. Glover handed out the CCRPI report for Hilltop. This is our snip it or Report card. This includes all teachers and students. Our CCPRI score is an 82.6. Our other scores are as follows:

- Content Mastery – 78.9 which is up.
- Progress – 95.4 which is up
- Closing Gaps - 58.3 which went down
- Readiness – 83.8 which went up

We are celebrating in all areas. The only hiccup is closing the gaps. But the school is continuing to grow. All areas are going up in content masters with 78.9. It takes all teachers to do this. Closing the gaps involves our subpopulations. We have a high population of students with special needs at our school. We have 4 special needs self-contained classes. Two are tested with the Milestones and 2 are tested with the GA Alternative Assessment. Another subpopulation is our EIP and 504 students. These students

are at risk for reading and math. A Subpopulation is made up of 12 or more students in a group. We have the most tested elementary students in special education for elementary in our district. We have a huge gap between African American and Caucasian students. Caucasian students outscore in every category system wide. Dr. Glover and Dr. Bennett are taking a class called Rich Teaching but Poor Students to help in this category. You have to know enough to talk about it. Kids at disadvantages can learn. As of October, 2019, we were at 40.48% free and reduced lunch. We are nowhere near title one. To qualify for Title One you must be at 50+% for 3 consecutive years. There is no correlation between the two. Like schools in our area are Bonaire Elementary with 24.4% free and reduced and Matt Arthur Elementary with 27% free and reduced.

Survey Implementation

CCRPI School Climate is currently at a 4. We were a 3. We have had faculty meetings to discuss how we can move to a 5 star. This is calculated through surveys. Parents talk to other parents to please complete the survey. Talk to them about how to do the survey. It is the overall picture; not based on one incident. Parents can come in to the library to take the survey. We also have QR code and the link is on our website. Our biggest parent participation event is field day, but the window for the survey is closed by that time. We have until March.

The students take a survey as well in 3rd through 5th grade. I like my school/teacher – always, often, sometimes, never are choices. Explaining what these answers mean helps students. The teachers are explaining and discussing what this means and how to complete a survey to students. Per Dr. Hornyak best practices is to explain and review so students can answer honestly.

Technology Instruction – Education Galaxy

Teachers were trained on Education Galaxy for Kindergarten to 5th grade. Students can use this anywhere they have Wi-Fi. It is nice because it has content and remediation for students with gap. Diagnostic places them for reading, math, science, and social studies. It has videos for missed questions. \$4,200 for 1 year. Presentation over summer for another program was \$18,000 so they chose this. It has good reviews. Ms. Haslett explained that it has galaxies and rockets instead of stating grade levels and the students want to learn to get their rocket into the next galaxy.

School-wide Fundraiser

Cherrydale Fundraiser \$6,917.58 profit. This goes back into helping students learn.

Tuesday night there was a PTO meeting and new officers were elected. We have great people in place. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Fleming for helping with PTO. PTO is doing the holiday shop this week. 3 other parents are joining the team. We have \$15,000 plus Cherrydale fundraiser to go to marquis. It will take between \$20-25,000 to purchase the digital marquis. If you know any companies or vendors please ask for donations.

Closing

Thank you very much for participating in our second meeting of the school year. 2 more meetings this year. Be sure to come and walk the halls, volunteer, eat with a lunch bunch, or help with a small group. Dr. Bennett and Dr. Glover have been having snack groups in the afternoon with some students talking about school life and how they can help the relationship with kids.

Shannon Grieshop made motion to close meeting. Sandy Sawyer seconded.