

Hilltop Elementary School Council

May 8, 2018

The Hilltop Elementary School Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 7:36 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

Bernice Whitehead, Teacher

Sabrina Jones, Teacher

Kim Stallworth, Teacher

Wendy Wood, Paraprofessional, PTO Secretary, Parent

Brian Fleming, Parent

Angela Burke, Parent

Call to Order

Shannon Grieshop called meeting to order at 7:36 a.m. Amber Haslett seconded.

Dr. Glover welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the year. We have 4 in each year. The notes are public and can be found in notebook in office or on the website.

I-Stations -

Mrs. Stallworth - We are one of few schools who showed tremendous growth from January to April. Even students on tiers are improving.

Mrs. Jones - in Kindergarten we reduced the amount of students on tiers significantly. The students find the program very engaging and interesting. The students love it.

Dr. Glover - Kindergarten through 2nd grade individual learning reading and math. The program costs \$29,000. The license expires between Oct. 18 and Dec. 18. We are going to try to purchase it for the remainder of the school year.

Summer Program -

Kindergarten through 2nd grade flyer will go home for Summer School, 4 days a week from 8 am to noon June 11th to 28th. They will be working on the computer program and individual reading stations at Lindsey Elementary School. Hilltop teachers and students are invited. A bus will take students that are interested. Therefore they won't be in daycare or on sliding board going down. 4 Hilltop teachers will be hired to work. Minimum of 4 of our teachers will commit. They will make \$25 per hour. Trying to decide if they can split 2 weeks and 2 weeks for teachers. Dr. Glover asked Dr. Bennett if she could pilot grades 3 through 5 on I-Stations on Wednesdays during the summer. This hasn't been approved yet. It would be priority students from 9 am to noon.

Mrs. Whitehead asked if special education students would be allowed to use this program in the future. Dr. Glover responded that the grant was for this fiscal school year. Therefore, after July 4th special education students can be included.

GA Milestones Results

Grades 3, 4, and 5 are held accountable for reading, writing, and math. In the fifth grade they add science and social studies.

86% pass rate in math for 5th grade.

81% pass rate in reading for 5th grade.

75% pass rate in math for 3rd grade.

Mr. Hornyack will provide more data.

The students who did not pass the Milestones will get to retake the test.

This is improvement from last year looking at both overall and different sub pops.

We were able to purchase technology for McGhee and Moody's classes because they learn in different ways.

Remediation Plan

3rd and 5th grades will remediate. No remediation for 4th because they don't retake the test. Results for 4th grade are not back yet. Teachers are empowered to come up with a schedule of how they are remediating math and reading.

Haslett - 3rd grade - 2 teachers are doing reading remediation switching between them so that they get information from different teachers each day. The other teachers are doing enrichment activities such as stem and readers theater.

Whitehead - For 5th grade a teacher is remediating in the morning for reading and Whitehead is doing a block for math. They are concentrating effort on those 2 areas.

After remediation, Dr. Bennett is giving the test again May 15th - 17th with make up being May 18th. Teachers who are not in those grade levels need to make big deposits to teachers and students with encouragements. This will affect the culture of our school. We want big things and are going to big places. We are change agenda for the school.

Election

We need 4 parents that are active to commit to coming from 7:30 - 8:00 to help with school council. Dates for meetings will be ready in June for next school year.

Mr. Gonder and Mr. Fleming were very active this year. Mrs. Izor was active as well but she was military and moved.

Sabrina Jones nominated Ms. Burke. Ms. Burke accepted the nomination. She is military. Her son, Ben, is in Mrs. Jones' class. They have been in the area for 5 years this month. They hope to be here another 2 years. She said that she loves this school. She works full time but wants to be able to give more and volunteer more at school.

Kim Stallworth nominated Brian Harrington. He has 3 children at Hilltop.

Closing

Thank you to Mr. Fleming and Mr. Gonder. Mr. Fleming put together 2 sets of stairs for us with adjustable legs for our programs.

Wendy and Jason Wood help making balloon arches.

We have banners we can use each year for ceremonies. They are huge. They say "Congratulations, Hawks. Hilltop Elementary School; Bonaire, GA."

Mrs. Sawyer thanks for bringing donuts.

We appreciate our teachers.

Sandy Sawyer made motion to close. Amber Haslett seconded motion.