



Perry Middle School

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The **Perry Middle School Council** meeting was held on Monday, November 4, 2019, at 6:00 pm in the Perry Middle School media center.

Member attendance: Heath Burch, Dr. Diana Phillips, Sam Lester, Deandra Harris, Sarah Sullivan, Todd McDonald, Dr. Sanya Fluellen

- I. Call to Order** – Sam Lester, Chairman, called the meeting to order.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance** – Mr. Lester led the Pledge of Allegiance and all in attendance stood and recited the pledge.
- III. Moment of Silence** – Mr. Lester asked for a moment of silence, all in attendance recognized and participated in the request.
- IV. Recognition of Visitors** – Mr. Lester recognized Melody Phillips as a visitor to the meeting.
- V. Approval of Agenda** – Mr. Lester asked all attendees to read the agenda as provided by Mr. Burch. Members reviewed silently, Mr. Burch motioned for the agenda acceptance. The motion was seconded by Dr. Phillips.
- VI. Old Business – Approval of Minutes from the August 19, 2019 meeting**
 - a. Approval of Minutes** – Mr. Lester asked everyone to review the minutes from the previous meeting. Ms. Harris noted a name change from Emmniya Riggins to Deandra Harris that needed to be made to the August 19, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. McDonald motioned to accept the minutes with changes, and Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion - all agreed.
- VII. New business –Discussion**
 - a. School Council Gifts** – Perry Middle School pullovers were given at different times by Mr. Burch prior to and after the meeting.
 - b. School Council New Member Training** – Mr. Burch addressed an online training that needed to be completed by each council member electronically. He went over the instructions on the worksheet that he provided each member and asked for everyone to complete everything by the next meeting.

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- c. **School Data Report** – Mr. Burch referred to the College and Career Ready Index (CCRPI) family guide provided in each member’s packet. He explained what CCRPI was, and the importance of each piece of the total rating. Mr. Burch further noted that Perry Middle is the only school in the county that has increased for three years in a row. Members went over the hand-out, and he addressed each of the 4 different sections (Content Mastery, Progress, Closing Gaps, and Readiness) outlined in each member’s packet, and they are as follows:
- i. **Content Mastery** – Mr. Burch defined Content Mastery as how well students achieve, and noted increased achievement - over 4 points this past year.
 - ii. **Progress** – Progress was explained by Mr. Burch as growth – how well they grow against other schools both at a state and national level. He noted that students are compared against all students in the state and not just locally. Teachers received their own scores to show how their students performed. With the increased requirements of Math and Language Arts, Mr. Burch noted the added stress teachers who teach those content areas face. He noted the added stress might not be felt as severely by their colleagues teaching other subjects. He concluded Content Mastery and Progress by stating those two areas make-up the majority of the School Climate Rating.
 - iii. **Closing Gaps** – Perry Middle focused on additional improvements in Language Arts and Math, according to Mr. Burch. Additionally, he noted Perry Middle giving additional focus to Science and Social Studies this year. Mr. Lester inquired into sub populations, and Mr. Burch explained that they are determined by the state. Currently, Perry Middle does not have any ELL students – English Language Learners. Mr. Lester expressed a similar identification of sub populations at the college level. Mr. Burch explained how closing the gap can change based on population growth and the challenges that student population growth entails. He emphasized the ability to meet those changes/challenges as they arose by whatever means necessary. He concluded by reiterating a focus on closing the Science and Social Studies gap, and noted Connections performing with a 99% success rate in this area.
 - iv. **Readiness** – In an effort to prepare students for the next year and ensure content mastery for each academic content area, Perry Middle has a designated time in the morning called PRIDE, explained Mr. Burch. PRIDE was defined as a 45-minute time period at the beginning of each day that focuses on remediation in all academic areas. He explained how Perry Middle focuses on assessment and enrichment - implementation of this process (rotating students) starting approximately 6 weeks into the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Lester asked about CCRPI being a driving force for instruction or a result of what is being done in instruction. Mr. Burch noted the two being intertwined and addressed making improvements in Math and looking for areas of needed growth. Mr. Lester again mentioned the college level mirroring in what is happening at the secondary and post-secondary level.
 - v. **School Climate Rating** – Mr. Burch expressed his delight by stating how proud he was of the Perry Middle School Climate Rating. The Perry Middle School Climate Rating consists of surveys from students, parents, teachers, etc. “*We are focusing on getting a 5-star rating,*” stated Mr. Burch. He also noted that Perry Middle had higher ratings by students than other schools in the

county. With continued accolades about Perry Middle, Mr. Burch expressed his approbation with CTAE and noted FFA having a meeting today with over 100 kids in attendance. He expressed how important he feels CTAE classes are in education for all students.

- vi. **Attendance** – Student population has increased from 864 students in 2018-2019 to 956 students in 2019-2020, stated Mr. Burch. Although an increased population can bring additional challenges, he noted two positives about ISS and teacher attendance. ISS attendance has declined from last year, and teacher attendance has increased from the previous year. Mr. McDonald asked about a new middle school to alleviate and address some of the growing numbers. Mr. Burch mentioned Veterans Middle School being a possibility but stated that project being about four years away from development. He noted this development reducing the Bonaire student population since Bonaire currently has over 1,000 students. He addressed student population concerns at Perry Middle by stating the ability to accommodate everyone – even if the outdoor classrooms require utilization.

d. Perry Middle Accomplishments and Upcoming Events – Mr. Burch

- Mr. Burch covered upcoming events for students in which they could participate. He noted one caveat regarding student behavior/discipline. The freedom to participate in the events require good behavior and no severe discipline issues. The events are as follows:

1. CTAE represented by several groups at the fair
2. Cheerleaders – attained a 3rd place win in the county cheer competition
3. A’s and B’s Reward – students received a free drink at lunch
4. Student of the Month – recognizing these kids monthly
5. Rotary Club – Coach Mizell took a student for recognition (Perry Middle goes once per month)
6. Dances – offered this semester and next semester
7. Chorus and Band – upcoming performances for both
8. Soccer – just getting started
9. Book Fair – now until 11-8-19 (there is an activity tomorrow night – providing hot dogs for those in attendance)
10. TSA is having a basketball game – 3 on 3 play (students can play and/or attend)
 - Mr. Burch noted his proclivities toward attending something verses selling something
11. FBLA Fall Leadership Conference in Athens, GA next week (Noted by Dr. Phillips)

- e. **Other topics brought before the council – No additional topics were discussed**

VIII. Executive Session (if necessary) – not needed

IX. Agenda Development for January 27, 2020

- a. Mr. Burch asked for input for the upcoming meeting – none offered by the committee. He stated that if they thought of anything to let him know and told everyone that he would see them at the next meeting - *Monday, January 27, 2020 – 6:00 pm.*

X. Adjournment –Mr. Lester