

School Council Meeting Minutes
2-11-16

Present: Dr. Witt, Mandy Tannehill, Tabatha Wesley, Laurie Aydelott, Jason Hancock, Deandra Harris

Morningside has been named a Title I Progress School. This is based on "lagging data" from two years ago. As a whole, we closed the achievement gap.

Dr. Witt passed out a copy of the 2016-2017 school calendar.

Tutoring has begun at Morningside. This is for grades 3, 4, and 5. This will help in the Georgia Milestones.

March 1: Vote ESplot: This will be to keep the penny that we already pay. This will not be an additional penny. With the ESplot penny, it keeps our property taxes down. This will upgrade heating and air units, build another school, upgrade facilities that we already have, etc. Early voting is now in Perry.

New Freezer: Morningside will get a new freezer for the lunchroom through a grant that the county applied for. It will be larger and more efficient.

Ticking for Fluency: Just finished our celebration. Dr. Witt and Mrs. Harper went to Athens to present Ticking for Fluency. It was a success at the conference and many people were interested. They will go to Savannah in March. We are also presenting it for the School Bell Award. At the next awards program, we are going to add a Ticking for Fluency award.

Our school has 85% breakfast and lunch participation. We are 100% free breakfast and lunch. In order to maintain the grant, we have to be at 95% participation in order to keep the grant. We are encouraging the students to get a grab and go. Any food not eaten can go in the class "share" basket.

Morningside has snack sack for students. Parents sign up for these at the beginning of the year. We are currently providing 300 sacks per week for the students. Many more students want the sacks. The First Baptist Church of Perry and The Methodist Church provide for Morningside and Tucker Elementary.

Georgia Milestones: The first results are in. Dr. Witt went over the data with the School Council members. The students will learn the computer skills necessary to complete the Georgia Milestones on the computer. Every part of the test has a variety of questions. The tests are timed. The test will be April 11-29, 2016. The county has just pushed out practice tests. The tests will be given: fourth grade, then fifth grade, then third grade. The test will be give electronically.

Fence: A question has been asked about running a fence in the front of the school by the playground and outdoor classroom. Dr. Witt called and had Cecil come out. A fence will be run in front of the playground and outdoor classroom.

Personnel: Retirement: Ms. Sowell
Resignations: Mrs. Currin and Mrs. Rumsey

PTO: Dr. Witt asked for ideas to get parents involved in the PTO. If you have any ideas, please let Dr. Witt know.

Dr. Witt discussed Spring Coke Fundraiser, Electronic marquis, nice big pots with roses in front of the school, farm day.

Our next meeting will be April 12. Elections will be May 10.

Adjournment: Jason Hancock