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Title I School Council Parental Engagement Meeting Home of the Bearcats



December 10, 2015 Room 108 at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda

Opening.....**State of the School**.....Mrs. Ward, Principal

Call to OrderTBD, President
Vice-President

Purpose of Meeting.....Mrs. Rogers, Admin. Intern

Suggestions for Title I Parental Involvement.....Members and Parents

- *Title I Funding
- *School Compact
- *Parent Survey
- *Parent Policy

Suggestions for School Council.....Members and Parents

- *Overview of School Council Bylaws
- *School Goals:
 - *Attendance
 - *Improve Math scores Georgia Milestones Assessment
 - *Improve ELA scores Georgia Milestones Assessment

Suggestions for PTO.....Coach Mac

- *Membership Drive
- *Fundraiser

Questions and Answers from Offices and Parents

Closing.....Mrs. Ward

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Meeting Minutes

Members: Chris Baxter, Leon DeBerry, Beverly Franqui, Catanna King, Daniel MacEachern Daisy Price, Cassandra Rogers, Hope Thomas, Carly Williams, Pamela Ward, Lisa Zen

Proceedings:

Mrs. Rogers called the meeting to order, and she informed the Council that as of now, we don't have a president or vice-president. She added that these officers would be elected next month, and that we are required to have four meetings a year – usually two per semester.

The current status of our Title I budget was discussed, and Mrs. Thomas shared that the Parent and Part A budgets had been submitted to the Title I Department for approval. Mrs. Rogers stated that the Title I Parent Policy, Compacts, and Surveys have been completed, discussed, and the necessary signatures obtained. She added that the survey gives parents "a voice" – a forum to express their opinions, and that the policy is available online, in the office, and in the parent center.

Concerning suggestions for the Council, Mrs. Rogers said that the bylaws would be discussed at the next meeting. She mentioned that Mrs. Ward sent word that our 2015 Georgia Milestones EOG Assessment scores were back, and they were not where we would like them to be as yet. We are continuing to strive to make greater gains.

The Council members were asked to give suggestions as to how to improve the school's attendance rate. It was mentioned that the number of allowable student absences had been reduced, and that we still have a number of students who are habitually absent. It was suggested that we organize a team, led by the Data Collection Specialist, that would call parents about absent students each morning. The thought was that the personal contact would be effective, and it would give the teachers more time to focus on instruction.

Mrs. Price made the suggestion that arrangements be made for someone to do an in-service with the staff on asthma and diabetes health issues. She thought that this training would help the staff to be more aware of interim measures that could be taken until the students or other individuals were seen by the nurse or another healthcare worker.

Further suggestions for the PTO were tabled pending input from Coach MacEachern, and the meeting was adjourned with plans to meet again in February, 2016.

Minutes submitted by Hope Thomas.