

LFH School Council Meeting

Attendance: Emily Driggers, Sherill Whiteside, Tony Whiteside, Campbell Vaughn, Hillary Murrah, Jennifer Drake, Kaye Walden, Holly Ishee, Sara Westmoreland, Laurie Cook, Vera Lytch, Tonya Cogle, Luke Niday, Stephen Fox, Sabrina Riddick, Theresa Ehntholt, Suzanne Painter

On January 26, 2017, the School Council was called to order by our Chairperson, Mr. Niday and the meeting addressed the following information:

- Mrs. Walden mentioned that 80% of the student body has completed their iReady assessments. The results currently are showing good growth and that many are on level.
- Mrs. Walden brought up there is now a writing plan in place for the GA Milestones. Teachers who do not have a homeroom attached to them will use writing prompts provided by the GA DOE site to work with students 1 to 1.5 hours twice a week for 8 weeks. Ms. Cogle mentioned that the first section of the Milestones will be writing.
- Ms. Ribock spoke to the council about Beta Club. LFH is one of the only primary schools in the area to have a Beta Club. Students are exposed to things such as leadership skills and problem solving skills within this club. Long term goals of the club consist of- Year 1: Revamp a courtyard garden as well as provide seating on the playground. Year 2: Designate an outdoor learning space. Year 3: Create electricity within the outdoor learning space that will help facilitate projects. It is the hope of Ms. Ribock that as years go on the students will set the bar higher for each Beta Club grouping.
- Dr. Driggers discussed the most recent Fire Marshall's Report. Due to the age of the building the school does not have sprinklers on the ceiling. The lack of a ceiling sprinkler system means that no more than 20% of wall space can be covered in each classroom. With student work and other teacher needs this can pose a problem so the council was asked for suggestions on how to make this work. One suggestion was to paint things that are permanent such as the IB profile words with fire retardant paint to save wall space.
- Ms. Cogle spoke of the Attendance Committee. In November, the committee had their first round of meetings with parents who have children with five or more absences. The meetings seemed to make an impact in absences. The committee is now conducting another round of meetings for new students with five or more absences.
- Dr. Driggers mentioned extending the survey deadline for "Safe Routes to Schools" until the end of February. The council was asked to promote parents in the community to complete the survey.
- Dr. Driggers gave an update on a few happenings at LFH:
 - AU students are now on the campus. The students are first year students working hands on with our teachers and in their classrooms to get experience in the field of education.
 - Augusta Recreation Department is donating a shade tree to the school. Garden Club will work on finding a location and hosting a ceremony.
 - We have hired a new Spanish teacher which means students now receive Spanish twice a week.
 - Second Grade is over student capacity and will soon receive paraprofessionals for each of their classrooms to help the need.
 - Mrs. Ishee attended the spelling bee with our school winner. Our student went ten out of the total fifteen rounds that were held.
 - Science fair judging has taken place and went very well.
 - The Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl is Saturday, January 28th. Ms. Murrah is very proud at how hard the students have worked!
 - Kindergarten Testing for Magnet Schools takes place January 28th. Teachers from LFH will be assisting.
 - LFH has received the Final IB Evaluation report, we received lots of kudos. The next and current step is to work on future action steps.

- Dr. Driggers gave CIS a shout out for providing tickets to “Wild Krats” at the Bell Auditorium for a number of LFH students.
- Laurie Cook mentioned CIS will soon have volunteers from the community come and read to students in their classrooms. Also, we will soon begin a robotics club that will consist of 10 students who will build robots from kits and can enter a competition on April 22nd.
- STEM club is now happening at LFH for fifth grade students. We hope to extend the invite to other grade levels next school year.
- Math team will have their competition on March 4th at Butler High School.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.