

School Council Minutes

(3rd of 4 Meetings)

(April 12, 2017)

Start: 3:00pm

Roll Call:

President/Parent: Erica Ware

Vice President: Dr. Brenda Cherokee Taylor

Secretary: Mary Tarrant

Teacher: Nadine Williams

Parent: Attondra O'Banner

CSRA RESA: Linda Bailey

Summer School:

Summer school is for students who did not pass the Georgia Milestones. In fact, attendance is required if they want to go to the next grade in August. Only students with IEPs can elect not to go to summer school and still move onto the next grade. The good news is that we have gotten a decent number of forms returned for summer school enrollment this year. We had sent 200 letters home in March and got 78 of them back, almost half. Some of the letters came back to the school due to incorrect addresses on file. The 200 letters that were sent home were to students that were already 2 or more grade levels below. One of the biggest problems we face is getting parents to update their contact and address information in our data base. The information is only good if the parents remember to update that information themselves online. Therefore, phone shout outs do not work, because most of our parent's phone numbers do not work. We try to compensate by sending home letter reminders to parents, but in the end, it is their responsibility to both register and maintain their child's information online. Also, during parent conferences, back in March, our teachers emphasized the importance of getting summer school forms filled out and sent back before the deadline.

Promotion Policy:

The biggest change is that 3rd graders must pass the Reading part of the Georgia Milestones and 5th graders must pass all parts of the Georgia Milestones. If parts are failed, then students must attend summer school in order to move onto the next grade.

Georgia Milestone Testing/Retesting:

The district is promising to get Georgia Milestone tests results back before going home this year, because the assessments are primarily online. With test scores coming back so early, teachers will be able to remediate and provide interventions to students until the last day of school. So far, we have been doing a great job of getting students ready for these assessments, especially with Mrs. Williams providing K-3 interventions, Ms. Ware providing pullout interventions for 1st grade, and Mrs. Tarrant working with bubble students in 3rd-5th grades on ACES reading strategies with myOn. Matt Johann has also stopped by yesterday to give great online testing tips to both help and motivate our 3rd-5th graders right before testing next Monday. We also have 200 brand new head phones and 200 brand new mice to help students during testing on the laptops. Overall, we are as set as we can be at this point in time.

Teacher of the Year:

Ms. Jamie Davis was nominated this year's Teacher of the Year. Ms. Davis has been a kindergarten teacher for twelve years now and is also a mentor teacher to our new teachers in the building.

Our next meeting dates will be:

May 15th, 2017 @ 3:00pm

Adjourn: 4:00pm