



**Bowdon Elementary School Council Meeting Agenda**  
**2:40 p.m. at BES, Conference Room on 10-17-16**

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Agenda

- I. Call to Order
  - Members Present
    - a. Lorie Teal, Principal \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. Cathryn Staudigl, Parent Representative \_\_\_\_\_
    - c. Staci Windom, Parent Representative \_\_\_\_\_
    - d. Kayla McWhorter, Parent Representative \_\_\_\_\_
    - e. Natalie Teate, Teacher Representative \_\_\_\_\_
    - f. Rebecca Phillips, Teacher Representative \_\_\_\_\_
    - g. Colleen Jones, Assistant Principal \_\_\_\_\_
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Minutes from 7/28//16 – Approved by R. Phillips, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. McWhorter
- IV. Approval of Agenda – Approved by K. McWhorter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Windom
- V. Old Business
  - None
- VI. New Business

**Goal Area I- Student Achievement**

- Review of STAR Data from 1<sup>st</sup> nine-weeks: Results were not as good as expected but it is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year and the data showed some significant loss over the Summer
- Teachers are addressing by setting GOALS in Math and ELA, providing one incentive for those students who meet the goal(s) and another incentive from those showing progress at meeting the goal(s)- e.g. Tootsie Pop Sucker for those who MEET and a tootsie roll for those who are PROGRESSING
- Better growth reflected in 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades vs. 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> but 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> still showed improvement over last year
- Still the BEST predictor for how students will perform on GA Milestones
- School granted more access to the STAR database – affords Teachers better tools and resources

**Goal Area II- Stakeholder Engagement**

- School Climate Rating for Parents @ <http://apps.gadoe.org/schoolclimate/parents.nsf/Survey.xsp>  
Advised to 'spread-the-word' to other parents about the importance of the survey – takes less than 15 minutes and has @ 24 questions.
- **CCA Day** – R. Phillips discussed the recent field trip that 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders took to the College & Career Academy in Carrollton (Check out <http://cca.carrollcountyschools.com/?PageName='AboutTheSchool'>)  
The Academy is for high school students and provides them with the opportunity to take course(s) ranging from culinary arts to mechanics and nursing as a means of offering a variety of educational avenues to explore
- Fall Festival – Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm – 8 pm

- Eureka Math website @ <https://greatminds.org/math> - Great site as a resource tool for parents to help students with Math – problems encourage higher-order thinking skills, resulting in more meaningful learning
- Several Appreciation Week Events:
  - **School Cafeteria Appreciation** (10/10 to 10/15) – Teachers brought orange buckets with treats for the staffers who then decorated the buckets as Jack ‘o lanterns eventually holding some mums
  - **Bus Driver Appreciation** (10/17 to 10/22) – Recognizing the efforts of the school bus drivers
  - **Red Ribbon Week** (10/24 to 10/28) – To help promote the ‘Say NO to drugs’ campaign
  - **Book Character Dress Up** - All Teachers, Staff and Students are invited to Dress-Up as their favorite Book Character on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>
  - **REMINDER** to continue using #RedDevilStrong and #24Strong when posting on Social Media to attract attention to our schools and all the good that’s being done

#### **Goal Area III- Efficient & Effective Operational Process**

- Parent Notification Forms – A communication with parents regarding student behavior
- TEM – Hour of Code (State Event) – December 3<sup>rd</sup> – All schools will participate in coding for ONE hour
- Title 1 Funds – t/b released soon and will go towards purchasing more CHROME books to get closer to the 1:1 ratio goal for 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grades.
- Due to budgetary cuts, the Special Education Para, Angela Johnson, was re-assigned to a Title 1 Tutor position where she’ll assist in the Math and Computer Labs

#### **Goal Area IV- Staff Learning & Growth**

- CCS Annual Report – Shown an example of the County’s PR booklet – Bowdon Cluster will have their own
- School Council Member Guidelines – Members were offered a copy, if needed

#### VII. Topics for Next Agenda

- Proposed Dates for Future School Council Meetings:
  - a. January 30, 2017 in BES Data Room 2:40 to 3:40
  - b. March 20, 2017 in BES Data Room 2:40 to 3:40

#### VIII. Adjourn