



Bowdon Elementary School Council Meeting Agenda
2:30 p.m. at BES, Conference Room on 3-20-17

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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 Sharon Johnson(substituted)
- f. Rebecca Phillips, Teacher Representative _____
- g. Colleen Jones, Assistant Principal _____

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Minutes from 1/30/17 – Approved 1st by R. Phillips, 2nd by S. Windom

IV. Approval of Agenda - Approved 1st by C. Staudigl, 2nd by R. Phillips

V. Old Business

- None

VI. New Business

Goal Area I- Student Achievement

- Review of STAR Data from February
(https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XHSFpzpXVD-xx5OmCy_Qyl8xG1nm5IHsiFhWAK2fd4A/edit)
Principal Teal and V.P. Jones reviewed data that revealed a small variable change in %'s with regards to those in need of intervention. A comparison of last year (2016) to this year (2017) revealed a much higher projection of success in each content area sans 5th grade which shows some signs of struggling in their %'s
- Milestones for 3rd – 5th grades: 3rd & 4th content areas – Math and ELA (2 part); 5th grade content areas – Math, ELA (2 part) plus Social Studies and Science. NOTE: A Milestones Re-test will be offered during the last week of school
- Motivating Students to Read: V.P. Jones spoke about the recent challenges being given to students to encourage reading:
 - Principal Teal competed in a 'Pie-in-the-face' game
 - V.P. Jones challenged the school to reach 5000 AR points in 1 week to earn a 'Read-in' where the students would be allowed to bring their favorite book, a candy bar and a soda to school and read during IFP time. The students met and exceeded that goal
 - V.P. Jones issued a 2nd challenge to reach 20,000 AR points in 2 weeks and, as of 3/20/17, they are only shy a few points

Goal Area II- Stakeholder Engagement

- Title 1 Parent Survey is available through link on BES Facebook Page and the County Website, as well as,

in the school's front office (see Cindy Wilson)

- Bowdon Gives Back Days
- Summer Camps are currently being organized; offering of classes, # of seats available, dates and costs
- Several events have taken place in the 1st quarter of 2017: Science Olympiad (competed 3/18/17) receiving some awards; Georgia Technology Fair took place in Macon (3/11/17) where 3 teams competed; Academic Team competes (3/21/17) in the County competition; History Team; Reading Team attended their competition in Ithaca in February; Math Team competed at West Georgia in October

Goal Area III- Efficient & Effective Operational Process

- Current Job Openings:
 - Full-time Media Center position will be posted with plans to fill by Fall 2017
 - School Counselor will be sought to replace Patricia Harman who is retiring this year
- Retirements:
 - Patricia Harman – School Counselor
 - Edith Sullivan – Kindergarten
 - Teresa Lanier - ParaPro
- Milestone Testing Schedule (Dates are 4/13, 4/17, 4/19, 4/24 & 4/25, 4/27) following Spring Break.
 - Grades 3rd – 4th:
 - ✓ Thursday (4/13) Writing, Monday (4/17) ELA – Part 1 and Wednesday (4/19) ELA – Part 2
 - Monday (4/24) Math
 - Grade 5:
 - ✓ Thursday (4/13) Writing, Monday (4/17) ELA – Part 1 and Wednesday (4/19) ELA – Part 2
 - Monday (4/24) Math, Tuesday (4/25) Science and Thursday (4/27) Social Studies
- Update on Quest Program:
 - Principal Teal discussed the review of the current state of the school's QUEST program: currently reviewing various models – i.e. pull-out, combined classes, combination of pull-out and combined – with plans to finalize after Milestones

Goal Area IV- Staff Learning & Growth

- Reward Title One School – Due to the progress of students' increased advancement, BES is being rewarded with some additional funding
- Beating the Odds: The Beating the Odds analysis was created as an accountability piece for school systems that chose a charter or strategic waiver school model that allows districts to obtain waivers from certain state laws, rules and guidelines while still being held accountable for increased student performance
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dcwOxWxunL_KGHVNEt0UAQNDfyyOugV3fZZpha8x7jg/edit#gid=185764994
 - BES agreed to the Waiver option and maintains a current ranking of 76.8% which, based on student performance levels, reveals BES is catching these students up to their educational level. The school must meet the top quartile threshold 3 times over a 5-year period to keep.
- SSTAGE: Student Support Team Association for Georgia Educators
 - A two-person team visited BES during week of 3/13 – BES up for STAR Award
- Upcoming Events:
 - ✓ PTO (3/28) Interactive Workshop
 - ✓ Breakfast with Moms (3/31)
 - ✓ Bowdon Schools Educational Foundation Fun Run (4/29)
- Extended Field Trips:
 - ✓ 4th Grade – Huntsville Space and Rocket Center (May 5th)
 - ✓ 5th Grade – Washington D.C. Trip
- Recommendations for School Improvements: Principal Teal opened the floor to suggestions for any improvements and offered invitation to email future ideas.
 - ✓ Sharon Johnson (2nd Grade) requested bathroom maintenance (due to smell) on 1st and

2nd Grade halls with the administration mentioning the intent to upgrade the facilities in the near future

- Topics for Next Agenda: The floor was opened to add items to the next Agenda with no suggestions being presently made but open invitation to email
- Proposed Date for Future School Council Meetings:

a. Monday, July 17, 2017 in BES Data Room 9:00

VIII. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned – 1st motion (R. Phillips), 2nd motion (S. Windom)