



**Bowdon Elementary School Council Meeting Agenda**  
**2:40 p.m. at BES, Conference Room on 1-30-17**

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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 \_\_\_\_\_
    - f. ~~Rebecca Phillips~~, Teacher Representative Mandy Cardell (substituted) \_\_\_\_\_
    - g. Colleen Jones, Assistant Principal Absent \_\_\_\_\_
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Minutes from 10/17/16 – Approved 1<sup>st</sup> by M. Cardell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. McWhorter
- IV. Approval of Agenda - Approved 1<sup>st</sup> by S. Windom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. McWhorter
- V. Old Business
  - None
- VI. New Business

**Goal Area I- Student Achievement**

- Review of STAR Data from 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks: Principal Teal reviewed the STAR Data from the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks, showing more progress in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades as opposed to the lower grades due to reading ability differences. Teachers are providing students with ‘goals’ to meet for each of the STAR’s, helping to motivate them which, in turn, is encouraging them to continue
- Review of STAR Milestones Prediction Data in Reading, Math: %’s for 5<sup>th</sup> Graders in MATH were much lower than expected. A comparison of BES vs other County Schools revealed a slightly lower score. Opportunity exist to make certain revisions to bring the test more in line with the content being taught
- Motivate Students to Read: Natalie Teate and Mandy Cardell discussed the ways in which reading is being encouraged in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. Mrs. Teate (2<sup>nd</sup>) spoke about contests with Students in each class and between classes in the Grade, including recognition for the most AR books read with passing grade(s) and the Class with the most earned points (attaining grade of 80 or above). Mrs. Cardell (3<sup>rd</sup>) stated that the students are being given opportunities to read during IFP and encouraged to do so in order to earn ‘free’ time for other engaging activities during the school day. Both teachers mentioned a program put in place by Traci Stewart (Media Specialist) where each class is provided an envelope with their student’s names listed on it. Those students who have read the required AR for that week, have their names checked off and the envelope returned to Mrs. Stewart who, in turn, fills it with various ‘awards’ and ‘prizes’, all that go towards encouraging more reading and, according to both Mrs. Teate and Mrs. Cardell, improving their overall comprehension
- CCRPI Report: College Career and Ready Performance Index Report was issued showing B.E.S.’s grade was 76.2 (on a 0 to 110 point scale) a -2.9% change over 2015.

NOTE: To view the 2016 Georgia CCRPI scores for B.E.S., click on <http://ccrpi.gadoe.org/2016/CCRPI2016.aspx?aspxerrorpath=%2f2016%2fccrpi2016.aspx>

- School Grade Issued by Department of Education
- Milestone Dates (Testing Plan for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>): Milestones are scheduled for the week following Spring Break. Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> will conduct testing concurrently with the Writing portion of the testing to be administered at the beginning of the testing period, followed by ELA and Math for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, and an additional section covering Social Studies and Science for 5<sup>th</sup> grade only. With the 1:1 ratio of students to technology, the procedural part of the testing is expected to go well

#### **Goal Area II- Stakeholder Engagement**

- School Climate Rating for Parents @ <http://apps.gadoe.org/schoolclimate/parents.nsf/Survey.xsp>
- PTO Support- The PTO purchased an Ice Maker for the Teacher's Mail Room with funds remaining from last year's Teacher Appreciation event. In addition, the PTO is looking into purchasing Bubble Suits/Body Bouncers, Claw Machine, etc. as a means to reward/recognize learning gains/achievements
- Upcoming Dances (Daddy & Daughter Masquerade), Competitions (State Tech Fair), Muffins for Mom, Field Trips (4<sup>th</sup> grade Space Center, 5<sup>th</sup> grade DC), Spring Plays
- Student, Faculty Attendance Progress: Principal Teal reviewed Student and Faculty Reports regarding attendance. Explained incentives provided for Student Semester winners (i.e. t-shirts, etc.) and Faculty Monthly winners (i.e. 'passes' to dress-down or leave early, etc.)
- Student Behavior Progress: Overall, the behavior of our student population has maintained
- #RedDevilStrong and #24Strong: Briefly touched on the importance of continuing to support B.E.S. and our community and County by hash-tagging posts on social media.

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

- Update on Technology: As of January 2017, BES is 1:1 ration of Student to Technology in Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> with @ 10 iPads per classroom. Additional Title 1 Funds are looking to be used for various other resources including iReady which is touted as "a valid and reliable growth measure and individualized instruction in a single online product that saves teachers time at a fraction of the cost of similar products" (Curriculum Associates, 2017). To learn more, check out the attached link: <http://www.curriculumassociates.com/products/iready/diagnostic-instruction.aspx>
- Update on Progress of Media Specialist Position Change: As requested by Mrs. Staudigl, the Council briefly discussed the status of the Media Specialist position – Mrs. Tracy Stewart – and her progress with the teachers and students. With two staffers, now, in the Media Center – Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Kathy Jenkins (Library Clerk), adjustments to schedules and communication have had to be addressed and certain expected 'growing pains' have occurred. Support will continue to be given to encourage communication between the Teachers and the Media Center Staff for scheduling reading events and classroom resource opportunities. Mrs. Stewart has made available a calendar for teachers to sign-up for time in seeking media resource support for their classrooms. In addition, Mrs. Jenkins has developed a PathFinder for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (Science – Habitats) that Mrs. Cardell stated has really improved their accessibility to student resource information.
- Quest: Principal Teal broached the topic of whether the 'new' set-up/design of Quest was benefitting the Quest students. Some mention was made of the recent review of the program and the lack of student leaders making themselves 'known' in class, as well as, scoring challenges – perhaps a decline in motivation?

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

- Topics for Next Agenda
- Proposed Date for Future School Council Meetings:

a. March 20, 2017 in BES Data Room 2:40 to 3:40

VIII. Adjourn