



Bowdon Elementary School Council Meeting Agenda
3:00 p.m. at BES, Conference Room on 7-17-17

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Agenda

- I. Call to Order
 - Members Present
 - a. Lorie Teal, Principal _____ present
 - b. Cathryn Staudigl, Parent Representative _____ present
 - c. Staci Windom, Parent Representative _____ present
 - d. Kayla McWhorter, Parent Representative _____ present
 - e. Rebecca Phillips, Teacher Representative _____ present
 - f. Natalie Teate, Teacher Representative _____ present
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Minutes from 3/20/17 – Approved by R. Phillips (1st) and N. Teate (2nd)
- IV. Approval of Agenda – Accepted by C. Staudigl (1st) and R. Phillips (2nd)
- V. Old Business
 - None
- VI. New Business

Goal Area I- Student Achievement

- Review of 2016-17 Data https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1i_8onsMuU5I-M4mgkas-6qChddjxP16qmT7RgPEs9J8/edit#gid=1085792286
 - The Data (accessed via the link shown above) was much better, overall. In all but 2 areas (5th grade Math and 5th grade Social Studies) there were impressive gains from one school year (2015-2016) to the next (2016-2017).
 - Eureka Math (<https://greatminds.org/math>) was responsible for the gains in 3rd and 4th grade Math, with increases of 21%+. The teachers committed to the curriculum based modules which helped provide direction for the students, as well as, engage and motivate them with learning.
 - Due to the nature of the Writing portion of the Georgia Milestones, it is difficult to determine where improvements can be specifically made. However, Writing and Narrative Sections will continue to receive the attention that they need to help improve the scores.
 - CCRPI has yet to be released (as of 7/17/17)
 - STAR ELA and MATH have been found to be 'good predictors' of performance on Georgia Milestones
 - Milestones Data from 2016-2017 is expected to be mailed out to parents sometime @ the beginning of this school year
- SIP for 2017-18 School Year <https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/StrategicPlan/PlanDetail.aspx?S=4027&PID=6656>
 - Please access the School Improvement Plan (SIP) that is provided via the link shown above

Goal Area II- Stakeholder Engagement

- Summer Camp Success – BES held a variety of Summer Camps including a STEAM based camp
- Summer Feeding Program – BES participated in this federally funded program by transporting food(s) to where they were needed for school events
- CCS PAC Ribbon Cutting July 20 at 5:30 p.m.
 - The new Carroll County Schools Performing Arts Center (CCS PAC) is soon to open. The facility will be able to be utilized by all county schools. However, Bowdon will continue to use Copeland Hall for events, as well.
- New Staff: Counselor, Media Specialist, Learning Lab, Assistant Principal
 - Colleen Farley Jones will be making a move to Central High School, prompting interviews to be held to fill her position as Vice Principal at BES
 - There are some new additions to the school staff: Media Specialist – Amanda Vick, School Counselor – Sharanda Keith and, Learning Lab (a.k.a. STEAM Lab) – Brittany Daily
- BES Rock Garden
 - The school has decided to start a 'Rock Garden'. Students will be asked to find a small rock, paint it and place a message on it to bring with them and place in their respective class' location in the garden (near the Car Rider line). Be on the lookout for more information!
- Open House, Aug 1-- 4:00 to 6:00
 - BES Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1st from 4 PM – 6 PM. Please make the time for you and your child to come and meet their Teacher for the upcoming school year.

- Bowdon Founder's Day Parade is scheduled for August 5th where BES will participate with a float in the parade.

Goal Area III- Efficient & Effective Operational Process

- BES Cleanliness / Facility Improvements
 - ABM weekly feedback forms https://docs.google.com/document/d/14Mms4JGKW3KIDNGRaPAMxQSJ_SZPdQ9nqMxl2KtBs5w/edit
 - Forms are available for Teachers and Staff to complete to survey the quality of work completed by the janitorial staff
 - Restroom Improvements
 - The school was informed of some cleanliness concerns via last year's survey, specifically the odors emanating from many of the restrooms at the school. The issue was addressed with some minor improvements being made. Further needs are to be addressed as SPLOST funds become available
- BES School Wide Schedule
 - Gifted Program
 - There will be two (2) QUEST certified Teachers **per grade level** who will divide up the QUEST students between them. These two (2) Teachers will be their instructors for Math, Science, English and Social Studies. These students will share the class with a balanced mix of other students but will be given differentiated instruction to meet their individual needs. And, in addition, one (1) day per week, QUEST students will be pulled out and given special instruction from BES Quest Teacher, Mr. Kelly Christopher.
 - EIP- Served Reduced Class Size

Goal Area IV- Continuous School Improvement

- BES will receive a Grant for Improving Health and Nutrition
 - The school will host a garden, growing different foods and encouraging students to try a variety of foods
- BES requested 3-D Printer through Bowdon Schools Foundation Grant
- Focus on STEM Certification during 2017-2018 School Year
- Nominations for New School Council Representatives will open on Aug 1: Please make nominations for new Parent Representatives

VIII. Adjourn: C. Staudigl motioned for meeting adjournment