

Ashworth Middle School

Governance Council Meeting

10-21-15

Members Present

Scott McClanahan – principal	X	Mary Ellen McCall – teacher	X
Gary Grubb – asst. principal	X	Vicki Neal – PTO president	X
Marilark Murray – asst. principal	X	Michelle Steward – parent	X
Anna Stutts – counselor	X	Celeste Hendrix – parent	X
Jennifer Baker – math coach	X	Linda McEntire – industry rep.	
Andrea Salmon – literacy coach	X	Maria Aldama – student	X
Chuck Langston – teacher	X	Cooper Hunt – student	
Laramie Rodriguez – teacher	X		

TITLE 1 INFORMATION AVAILABLE

- Parent Involvement Policy
- District Parent Involvement Policy
- Student/Parent Involvement Plan
- How to use Title 1 Parent Involvement Funds
- School Improvement Plan
- Parent Survey
- School-Wide Plan

*All documents are available for review in the media center and counselor’s parent room.

Call to order by Michelle Steward

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of last meeting’s minutes by Rodriguez

McClanahan:

Introduction of new student representative: Maria Aldama

Thursday, Oct 29 – State of the School 6:00pm-7:00pm (survey was given to pick date)

Milestones results not back yet

Next year, we should have results within 2 weeks of testing - New vendor

Murray:

School report sample that teachers will get from Georgia Milestones

Scores handed out by when test was given: we are third in this “pecking order”

Grubb:

- School activities -

Fall teams (football, cross country, softball) finished out for the year

Golf: good finishes

Shout out to band for parade performance in parade and colorguard

Academic bowl win over Cartersville, and a few more performances

Basketball tryouts begin Monday; wrestling begins next week

- Safety -

Cameras – state of the art; very helpful so far

Front office will be addressed for increased safety

State fire drill carried out last Wednesday

Salmon:

ELA – another visitor to school

Last year Cathy Meyer from RESA came and visited AMS to video teachers with new writing units

This year Matt Johnson from Cedartown Middle is sitting on these units; our county chose to go this route. Meyer showed this to Johnson and he visited; was very impressed with teachers and rollout. His county is very progressive with technology. Proud of our teachers for this work.

Lexile scores they will receive from Milestones; trying to educate teachers and students what the lexile score means. Matches reader to a text. From that we can track growth of students; differentiation; important because middle school has not had universal screener in the past.

Our grant purchased an SRI Universal screener. Across all contents – getting educated about implementing literacy throughout the contents and not just literature. Opening up common language across the board.

SM: grouping students by lexile scores so that they can work with each other. Have the same capabilities; peer instruction taking place.

Baker:

Group of 5 high school and middle school teachers at Rock Eagle

Different sessions offered. Teachers get a lot of good professional development and then redeliver to teachers here.

Our county is ahead of the pack on so many things. Understanding best practices. Coaching program with literacy and math. Many times, teachers knew more about what was presented than the presenters.

Ms. Baker was a presenter – coaching techniques.

Next week, math spotlight day. Wednesday where all the math coaches will come; rotate and see all the math classes; debrief with building math coach, and debrief with admin. “Focus walk” with math coaches from different buildings. Focus on standards of mathematical practices – basically just things like perseverance; problem solving; making sense of problems (life skills and work skills).

Stutts:

Next week is Red Ribbon week; dress up days each day

Activities through the week: hiding different ribbons around the school; Ashworth silly bands;

Warriors magnet; Each student will get a highlighter, which Mike Evelt brought from the

Chamber of Commerce

Positive Student Behavior Supports: different people on the committee. Every ESS teacher volunteered; one from connections and each grade level; focus on preparedness, behavior, good Samaritans/citizenship; use points to earn dodgeball tournament and/or other prizes;

Hendrix:

Next Blue side meeting is Thursday at 6:00pm

Professionally making concerns be known to the board

Want more parents to get involved

Trying to do things to help the schools – fundraising and other ideas

Spears painted down the road

Maybe start having the Warrior horse at every home game

Lobby for moving parade to a different time so that more people can be there

Mentor program – bringing juniors and seniors down to mentor middle school students.

Maybe use Sources of Strength for this

Banquets: take an extra step to make them nicer – decorate tables

McClanahan:

Parent survey – band “Day in the Life” and PTO meeting

Open computer labs after state of the school

Security: new security measures at entrance to the school

System-wide walkthrough past Thursday (Oct 15); 12 different teams that went out through the school; Westmoreland – “Show Me”; Recorded herself

Fraud/Abuse/Waste – Floyd Co. issue that took place;

ESPLOST Q & A

Board had a facilities walk-through last Tuesday: baseball field? Will be put on spring’s capital outlay – should happen soon

AAA recognition first of November

Night of the Stars happening in May

Steward:

VN: PTO membership drive; competition between homerooms;

Next meeting Nov. 18th at 4:00pm in media center

MEM: Adaptive theater – kids in resource class back at AMS; they are doing a theatrical spectacular on Nov 13. 2:15pm 20 minutes, square dancing, singing, poems, play; maybe do it here at AMS in conjunction with AAA ceremony

Adjournment