

Minutes for Dec. 17, 2014 Meeting of Ashworth School Governance Council Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: CELESTE HOWE, CHUCK LANGSTON, MARY ELLEN MCCALL, MICHELLE STEWARD, RANDY WHEAT, SCOTT MCCLANAHAN, JENNIFER BAKER-Guest ANDREA SALMON, GARY GRUBB-Guest, MARILARK MURRAY-Guest, CONNIE VAN HOUNTEN-Guest

*Call to order by Mr. Randy Wheat – Chairman

*Pledge to the Flag: all members

*Chairman: Reminded all members of Charter Governance Council Team Training on Jan. 15, 2015 at Gordon County College and Career Academy from 5:00 to 7:00 PM

*General Discussion-“Blue Side Meetings every 4th Tues of the Month at Gordon Central High School.

Celeste Howe leading the effort to emphasize need for help with the “Blue Side” of the system. Suggestion made to involve alumni in the effort to raise money and donate time and equipment.

* Mr. McClanahan: Report to members on the excellent showing of AMS on the CCRPI assessment

AMS scored in top five of the 25 schools in NW GA RESA

Shared the good attendance showing for the Student of the Month breakfasts

*Mrs. Murray: Reported on the Ga. Milestone assessment being given this Spring. The committee watched an informative video from the Ga. Department of Education about the assessment and its benefits to Georgia. Questions and answers followed the video.

* Connie Van Houton : Reported that parent surveys will go out earlier to have more time to take action on the surveys. Discussion of a possible Parent Night to familiarize parents with the New Ga. Milestone end of year assessment.

Title 1 Information: Parent Involvement Policy

School Improvement Plan

School Wide Plan

Parent Survey

Student/Parent/School Compact

District Parent Involvement Policy

How to use the Title 1 Parent Involvement Funds

Above information was listed and revisions were asked for, no revisions were suggested to the information stays intact and is made available in the AMS Media Center.

* Gary Grubb: Reported on busy extra-curricular activities. Basketball in full swing, wrestling, chorus and band concerts. Especially proud of our band marching in the Christmas parade.

Will have “man-down” training Jan. 5th, 2015

Recent Severe Weather Drill was very successful

*Andrea Salmon: Reported on new writing curriculum. Stated it is very rigorous. Reading teachers have done a very good job in implementing this new curriculum. RESA recently visited AMS and their representatives were so impressed they videotaped several teachers at AMS to use at other schools. This will greatly help students to improve their constructed responses that will appear this year on the Ga. Milestone assessment.

* Jennifer Baker: Reported on math progress. Continuing to share resources with teachers in their weekly meetings. Will be using computer testing for ESS students to help them get ready for Ga. Milestone assessment.

Currently in need of calculators for the new assessment. Team brain-stormed about possible ways to provide for these needed calculators.

Focusing heavily in the math department to make special efforts to raise the scores of the bottom 25% of the students in math classes.

* Michelle Steward: Asked that all AMS activities including sports, band and chorus concerts and any other events be posted on the AMS web-site so that all parents are aware of what is going on.

* Chairman asked for any other discussion, then called for a second for adjournment. Mary Ellen McCall seconded and meeting was adjourned.