

Ashworth Middle School Governance Council 2014-2015

September 9, 2014

MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES

Agenda:

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Welcome
 - a) Council Members Sign-In
 - b) Introduction of Council Members
 - c) Brief Overview of Today's Meeting
 - ◆ Process of two new members
 - ◆ Tonight's State of the School Presentation/Open House
 - ◆ Title 1, Connie Van Houten
 - ◆ Testing Update, Marilark Murray
 - ◆ Literacy Coach Updates, Andrea Salmon
 - ◆ Math Coach Updates, Jennifer Baker
 - ◆ Extracurricular Activities/Safety, Gary Grubb

- Connie Van Houten: AMS Family Engagement Specialist
 - a) Upcoming events @ AMS for parent engagement
 - b) We need your input to revise these Title I school documents for 2014-2015;
 - Parent Involvement Policy
 - School-Wide Plan
 - Student/Parent/School Compact
 - School Improvement Plan
 - Parent Survey
 - District Parent Involvement Policy

- **How to use the Title 1 Parent Involvement Funds**
(All documents are available for review in the Media Center)

- **Marilark Murray: Assistant Principal**
 - a) **Testing Information**
 - b) **Measurable Goals for SY 2014-2015**
- **Gary Grubb: Assistant Principal**
 - a) **Extra Curricular Activities Update**
 - b) **Safety Fire Drills Update**
- **Literacy Coach Updates, Andrea Salmon**
- **Math Coach Updates, Jennifer Baker**

Meeting Dates:

- **September 9, 2014 @ 5:00 PM, prior to the State of School/Open House**
- **December 4, 2014 @ 4:15 PM**
- **February 26, 2015 @ 4:15 PM**
- **May 21, 2015 @ 4:15 PM**

AMS Governance Council Members:

- | <u>Signature</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Role (circle one below)</u> |
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| • Hendrix, Celeste _____ | | Parent-Teacher/Admin/Other |
| • Langston, Chuck _____ | | Parent-Teacher/Admin/Other |
| • McCall, Mary Ellen _____ | | Parent-Teacher/Admin/Other |
| • Steward, Michelle _____ | | Parent-Teacher/Admin/Other |
| • Wheat, Randy _____ | | Parent-Teacher/Admin/Other |
| • Wyatt, Shannon _____ | | Parent-Teacher/Admin/Other |
| • McClanahan, Scott _____ | | Parent-Teacher/Admin/Other |

Other Participants

- | <u>Name</u> | <u>Signature</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Role (circle one below)</u> |
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MINUTES

Randy Wheat, President, called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge to the Flag. He welcomed the following members and provided introductions: Celeste Hendrix, parent (new member); Michele Steward, parent (new member); Scott McClanahan, principal; Shannon Wyatt, teacher; Marilark Murray, AP(guest); Gary Grubb, AP(guest); Chuck Langston, teacher (new member); Mary Ellen McCall, teacher (new member); Connie Van Houten, Family Engagement Specialist (guest).

Mr. McClanahan invited the group to stay for the State of School Presentation and Open House following the meeting. He reviewed the school progress and School Improvement Goals. The Parent involvement policy, School wide plan compact and School Improvement Plan were made available and Mr. McClanahan asked for input and reviewed changes proposed by the AMS School Improvement Team. All documents are posted on the website. No members suggested any more changes, but gave support for the changes made by the leadership team. Mrs. McCall, teacher and Jennifer Baker, math coach, requested a large poster for the hallway to display the School/Parent/Teacher Compact.

Connie Van Houten provided a description of the school's main initiatives in the improvement plan involving parent involvement. Tonight's open house and State of the School also serves as an opportunity for parents to meet with Mrs. Van Houten. Parent resources are available (brochures, all school plans mentioned above) in the front lobby of the school. She may move the resources after this point to a better location in the future. Each month, parents are in the school to celebrate "Students of the Month" and provided access to Title I documents and parent resources. The school is planning a 2nd semester parent celebration that includes a hotdog supper. Parents will be invited and will have access to teachers, etc. Mrs. Van Houten reviewed and asked for input regarding the Title I Parent Involvement Budget. Ideas and support were expressed for the plans presented, but no changes or input were presented.

Mrs. Murray, AP, reviewed the new changes to testing. The CRCT and 8th grade writing test have been replaced by the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Test. Writing will be included in the math/reading/ELA portions of the tests through open ended, short response and extended response items. Science and Social Studies will be multiple choice for the current year. In October, a Title I parent Newsletter will go out with report cards that includes information about the new test to all parents. This will also be posted on the website with a link to the "GADOE Guide to Parents" detailing information about the new test. Mrs. Murray also reviewed the measurable goals in the School Improvement Plan. Colored graphs were presented that showed growth over time (3 years) in all content areas.

Mr. Gary Grubb, AP, gave an update on the student dance last Friday. Bus changes were reviewed. The new start time for school is 8:30 and the end time is 4:10. Students are released at 3:35. The North Georgia Middle School Association is the new sports division that AMS has joined. Safety and Fire drills have been planned to meet state guidelines. The safety plan has been updated and reviewed by the staff. A CPR training will be conducted to certify the first responders.

Mrs. Jennifer Baker, math coach, gave more detail about the types of items addressed on the Georgia Milestones Tests. The school is providing targeted student support for the lower 25th percentile scores. Mr. McClanahan explained the why the lowest 25 percentile was targeted in relation to the CCRPI score.

Mr. Wheat thanked everyone for coming. The group did not elect a treasurer, but Mrs. McCall was elected as secretary. Mrs. Murray took minutes for this meeting. The group will have fill these positions. The following dates are set for future meetings at 4:15 p.m.

Dec. 4

Feb 26

May 21

Jennifer Baker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Grubb seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.