

The Perry Middle School Council met in regular session on Monday, August 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

School Councils Members present:

Heath Burch

Mandy Gibson

Craig Palmer

Sanya Gooden

Todd McDonald

Lashondra Whitehurst

Councils Members Absent:

Pamela Williams

1. Call to Order

Heath Burch called the meeting to order at 6:08.

2. Inspiration

Mr. Burch asked the council to observe a moment of quiet reflection. The council observed a moment of quiet reflection.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Burch led the council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Recognition of Visitors

Sara Sullivan attended the school council meeting.

5. Approval of Agenda

Heath Burch asked approval for the agenda. Craig Palmer made a motion to accept the meeting Agenda. This was seconded by Mandy Gibson. All in favor to accept the agenda (6-0).

6. Old Business

A.) Approve the minutes of March 19, 2018 meeting.

A motion was made by Todd McDonald to accept the minutes. This was seconded by Lashondra Whitehurst. All were in favor to accept the minutes from March 20, 2017 (6-0).

7. New Business-Discussion

A.) Parent and Parent/Business Positions

Mr. Burch shared a power point of the responsibilities for each position and for the council as a whole.

Parent and parent/business position elections to replace Jaime Burks and Allen Griffin were held. Craig Palmer nominated Todd McDonald for the parent/business opening. Todd McDonald agreed to run for the position. Mandy Gibson seconded the nomination. All were in favor to accept Todd McDonald as the parent elect (4-0).

Todd McDonald nominated Lashondra Whitehurst for the parent position. Lashondra Whitehurst agreed to run for the position. Sanya Gooden seconded the nomination. All were in favor to accept Lashondra Whitehurst as the parent elect (4-0).

B.) Review and adopt System School Council Bylaws

Craig Palmer made a motion to accept the System School Council Bylaws and Sanya Gooden seconded the motion. All were in favor to accept the System School Council Bylaws (6-0).

C.) Election of Officers

Mandy Gibson nominated Craig Palmer for Chairman of School Council. Todd McDonald seconded the motion. All were in favor to accept the nomination of Craig Palmer for Chairman (6-0).

Lashondra Whitehurst nominated Heath Burch for Co-Chairman of School Council. Craig Palmer seconded the motion. All were in favor to accept the nomination of Heath Burch for Co-Chairman (6-0).

Heath Burch nominated Mandy Gibson for Secretary of School Council. Sanya Gooden seconded the motion. All were in favor to accept the nomination of Mandy Gibson for Secretary (6-0).

D.) Set dates for meetings for the 2018-2019 school year

All meetings will be held in the media center on Mondays at 6:00.

Meeting Dates are as follows:

October 29

January 14

April 8

A motion was made by Mandy Gibson to accept the meeting dates. Craig Palmer seconded the motion. All were in favor for the set meeting dates (6-0).

E.) Report on opening of school

a. Perry Middle currently has students enrolled.

8th grade-286 students

7th grade-291 students

6th grade-286 students

Great smooth start to the school year.

- b. 350 parents were present at open house. The 7th and 8th grade open house were on the same night and 6th grade open house was on a separate night. This worked out well. Mr. Burch mentioned the possibility of holding one open house next year. A possible solution to the parking issue would be to use the field next to the bus ramp.
- c. The Back to School Dance was held on August 10th; there were 380 students in attendance.

F.) SACS Update

Mr. Burch explained the purpose and process of the SACS accreditation for Perry Middle School.

G.) Update on Staff New Hires

Perry Middle School has 10 new hires this year. Mr. Burch shared the names and positions of all of the new hires.

H.) School Safety

- a. Kizzy Johnson Perry Middle School's Assistant Principal introduced herself and her role at Perry Middle School. Ms. Johnson discussed some information on our parent surveys and expressed how the data is used at Perry Middle School.
- b. She explained the development and purpose of the BETA (Behavior Evaluation and Threat Assessment) Team. The BETA team focused on 3 goals: safety, discipline and positive behavior intervention. BETA created a discipline base called Journey in order for Perry Middle School to have a unified discipline system. The database helps identify students who show positive behavior and in turn allows Perry Middle school to focus on the positive and recognize students who are making good choices. The database tracks discipline and helps the progressive discipline system work effectively. The students were taught the new system by each of their teachers. The theme of Perry Middle school was created around the database. The school's theme is "A Journey through Middle School". All team names were changed to align with the school theme. The system will also aid in the utilization of PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention). Students without any strikes at the end of each 9 weeks and at the end of the school year will be recognized.
- c. Ms. Johnson explained how the school informs all students about Cyber Bullying, Sexual Harassment, Bullying and the Code of Conduct.
- d. Ms. Johnson also explained the new safety procedures to the council. The school will practice all safety drills on August 23. (Code Yellow, Code Red, Active Intruder, Fire Drill and Code Blue)

I.) Upcoming Events

Softball Game at home on August 21

First home football game on August 23

J.) Other topics brought before the Council

Mr. Burch discussed the facilities assessment for Perry Middle School. Perry Middle currently has some roof issues that are being addressed.

- a. A request for an awning for parental pick-up area has been made.
- b. Maintenance on athletic fields
- c. A request for new bleachers
- d. Better outside lighting for the building

Craig Palmer mentioned how smooth the parental pick-up is this year compared to last year. A suggestion for a cut through to the bypass was mentioned.

8. Executive Session (if necessary)

Council had no need to go into Executive Session.

9. Develop agenda for next meeting

Mr. Burch will develop the agenda for our next School Council meeting.

- a. The agenda will be e-mailed a week before the next meeting in order for the council to make in addition to the agenda.
- b. Perry Middle School's CCRPI/Climate score will be shared and discussed by Dr. Harrison at the next meeting.

10. Adjournment

Heath Burch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 and it was seconded by Todd McDonald.