

Agenda for the School Council Meeting  
Veterans High School Council  
November 15, 2018

The Veterans High School Council met in regular session on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 7:00 a.m., in the media center - 340 Piney Grove Road, Kathleen, GA 31047.

**Council Members Present:**

Steve Atkins, Amy Barbour, Angel Brown, Mark Byrd, Anissa Driggers, Neal Musmanno, and Kaci Whiddon

**School Council Members Absent:**

None

**1. Call to Order**

Mrs. Angel Brown, chairperson, called the meeting to order.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Brown led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Barbour distributed the agenda posted pursuant of the Open Meetings Act. Mark Byrd motioned to accept the agenda, and Neal Musmanno seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

A vote to approve the minutes from October 18, 2018 was taken. Steve Atkins motioned to take the vote, and Kaci Whiddon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**5. Recognition of Visitors**

None

**6. Presentation(s) to School Council**

None

**7. Report of the Principal**

- AdvancED Accreditation Visit

Dr. Barbour reported that the district accreditation visit the first week of November was a success, indicated Dr. Scott reported that the committee was extremely pleased with the observations in the system. Dr. Barbour discussed the principal level interviews, and that the committee representative indicated it was

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refreshing to hear such consistency between schools and among different levels of leadership.

Mark Byrd participated in the community representative interview panel, and indicated that representatives from law enforcement, the chambers, healthcare, and the base were all present. He remarked that the connectedness of the community to the school system was evident, and that the school system is definitely part of Houston County's identity as a whole.

Angel Brown participated in the parent representative interview panel, and she indicated similar experiences, and was able to talk about the school's "Valued @ the V" initiatives and ways to support and recognize students.

Dr. Barbour also discussed the school's application to be a Military Flagship School, and stated that adding a student transition or mentoring program for military students to transition into the school environment upon a new move was an opportunity for growth for VHS.

- CCRPI (handout)  
Georgia Department of Education:  
<http://www.gadoe.org/CCRPI/Pages/default.aspx>

Category	VHS	District	State
Overall score	83.6	76.6	76.6
Content Mastery	82.5	69.8	66.9
Progress	93.4	87.1	83.0
Closing Gaps	42.9	58.3	70.0
Readiness	85.6	78.3	73.4
Graduation Rate	91.0	88.1	82.0
School Climate	85.7/4 stars +1.1		

Dr. Barbour reviewed the school's CCRPI scores, an overall 83.6 from a 94 in 2017, discussing each of the six high school components and the changes in each. The addition of the Closing Gaps component, which is based on 3% target gains was reviewed, along with changes in content mastery scores. The change in graduation rate to 91% was discussed as a total composite score, including the school's five year graduation rate. The school's climate score, a 4 star rating of 85.7 was discussed. Dr. Barbour discussed the differences among the student, staff, and parent survey feedback, and asked school council to help in increasing parent participation. She further discussed the changes in the survey, including fewer questions and changes in the question types to be more user friendly. The survey link is currently posted on the school's social media accounts, Infinite Campus, and the school's website, and is open for parent participation until March 1, 2019. Mr. Byrd discussed how the

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parent participation could be incentivized, as did Mr. Musmanno. Mr. Musmanno discussed how surveys were used and administered to optimize feedback and timeliness in his business experience, and discussed the use of incentives, as well, as a possibility over windows of time for threshold percentages. The discrepancies between the survey responses and the data on safe and substance free environment were discussed, as well.

- Celebrations
  - Region Girls/Boys XC champs
  - State XC: boys – 10<sup>th</sup>/girls – 17<sup>th</sup>; Kenzie Walls – 3<sup>rd</sup> individual
  - Region Cheer Champs
  - County Volleyball Champs
  - Football state playoffs and 8-3 season
  - State Junior/Senior FFA meats judging teams
  - ROTC inspection – Exceeds Standards

**9. Old Business**

None

**10. New Business**

None

**11. Executive Session**

None held

**12. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the school council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40, by Mrs. Angel Brown. The next meeting will be held Thursday, February 28, 2019, in the Veterans High School media center.