**Medlock Bridge School Governance Council**

Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2020 – 3:00 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

This Meeting is Open for Public Comment

**Present**: M. Vance, Principal

M. Lawrence, elected teacher/Chair

S. Jones, Elected teacher

K. Fowler, Appointed Teacher

D. Castel, Appointed teacher

T. Eisenberg, Community Member

J. Smith, Parent  
 D. Stahl, Parent/Vice Chair

H. Yang, Parent

M. Bradley, Parent & PTO President

**3:04 p.m. Call to Order by Ms. Lawrence**

**3:06 p.m. Action Item: Approve Meeting Agenda**

Motion- Fowler

2nd- Stahl

Unanimous ayes

**3:07 p.m.** Meeting Norms read aloud by Ms. Lawrence. Discussed norms for online meetings. Discussed use of a speaker’s list, voting through chat box when possible, using Q/A function for public comment. Discussed using raise hand feature, but feature was not present for Teams Live Events.

**3:14 p.m**. Motion to approve the September Meeting Minutes**:**

Motion- Fowler

2nd- Eisenberg

Unanimous ayes

**3:15 p.m. Public Comment / Virtual Comment Box Summary**

No new comments currently. No updates on previous comments.

**3:16 p.m. Discussion Item: Principal’s Update (Vance)**

1. Return to School Plan Update
   1. Overall, return to F2F school with an online option has gone well. Shared about the school’s approach to COVID-19 management and what communication will look like. Shared website parents and community could monitor data related to positive COVID-19 cases on campus and related quarantine for all schools ([www.fultonschools.org/coronavirus](http://www.fultonschools.org/coronavirus))
2. Discussion of possibility of spending funds
   1. Reading A-Z – Vance thanked the board for the approval and confirmed that the program was purchased and training provided for its use.
   2. Return to School Safety Items – Vance shared that $3578.67 of approved $9,000 spent on desk shields for teachers who wanted them. Vance mentioned the need for other staff besides teachers to have the same protective equipment. The cost for additional staff is not to exceed $2000.
   3. STEM Paraprofessional - Discussed purchasing a STEM Paraprofessional using charter dollars, but spending of these funds on staff no longer permitted.
   4. Books for classrooms – Reviewed general pricing that would fit the need for expanding teachers classroom libraries. Discussed previous efforts to build classroom libraries in 2018-19 funded by PTO. Estimated $5000 per classroom. Subcommittee of Fowler, Jones formed to research further.
   5. Outside Learning Environments – Discussed. Continues to be an area of interest for the group but more research needs to be done. Logistics, rain, value, use all discussed. Subcommittee of Fowler, Bradley formed to research further.
   6. Classroom furniture – Discussed high cost for potentially low benefit, limited need and use. Estimated $7-9000 per classroom. Subcommittee of Eisenberg, Bradley, Castel formed to research further.
3. PTO Update – Guest Speaker Megan Bradley
   1. Bradley shared PTO activities for the year. Shared efforts to revitalize school garden through partnership with Eagle Scout. Shared efforts to support teacher/staff morale through staff snacks, Amazon Wishlists, playground supplies, and supporting other instructional/non-instructional needs for students. Capacity to fundraise limited this year.

**3:45- Outreach Committee**-

1. Ms. Jones shared that the committee met, discussed how the committee might help classroom teachers “break through” the walls of the classroom to allow the community to support student learning.
2. Intent to survey community discussed. Possible questions for the survey discussed, including building an understanding of why parents selected F2F versus Remote.
3. Brief update on MBES 101, now referred to as Parent University. Schedule of Parent University events to be published once partnership with Chris180 becomes more clear. Dr. Ingrid Parham heading this effort.

**4:02- Finance Committee-** No update from committee

**4:03- Strategic Plan Monitoring Tool Focus**

1. Will continue toward academic literacy and math goals.
2. We are focusing on Culture and Climate- School environment
   1. Efforts to improve communication within the school, reduce emails.

4:07- Superintendent Advisory Update

1. Eisenberg and Stahl provided insight into discussion with Superintendent. Topics included COVID-19 management, plan for school for next semester.
2. November 3rd mentioned as another meeting date

**4:16 p.m.-Action Items to approve spending**

1. Motion to Approve **$2000 for support staff desk shields**

Motion - Smith

2nd Eisenberg

unanimous ayes

**4:23 Meeting Calendar –** set for

Jan 19 @ 3:00 p.m.

Feb 16 @ 3:00 p.m.

Mar 16 @ 3:00 p.m.

May 11 @ 3:00 p.m.

**4:32 Motion to adjourn**

Motion – Stahl

Second- Jones

Unanimously approved to adjourn

**4:33 Meeting Adjourned**