



Dean Rusk Middle School

DATE Sept. 26, 2023

MEETING TIME 4:30PM

MEETING LOCATION -GLT

MEETING CALLED BY	Dawn Weinbaum/Kathleen Chandler Interim- Global Learning Theater
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting
PRINCIPAL	Dawn Weinbaum/Kathleen Chandler Interim
NOTE TAKER	Kathleen Chandler
BOARD ATTENDEES	Misty Harper, Kimberly Colvin, Jason Kozlowski, Nicole Dailey, Lisa Hicks, Matt Jackson
GUEST ATTENDEESS	Kathleen Chandler, Tom Usry, Lisa Burns, Josh Martin

Agenda Items

TOPIC Introductions /SAC Training
PRESENTER K. Chandler

DISCUSSION	Mrs. Chandler introduced herself as Interim Principal, until further notice. All Council Members introduced themselves.
	School Council Training PowerPoint was presented

TOPIC Beginning of the Year Items and updates
PRESENTER Tom Usry

DISCUSSION	1. <i>Gateway</i> -Closed and Express Gateway now open. 2. <i>Parent Square</i> -Main between school and parents. 3. <i>Attendance</i> -Notifications are sent out automatically. Notes should be provided upon students return. 4. <i>CANVAS</i> -Students use daily and teachers communicate with parents through <i>CANVAS</i> . 5. <i>Curriculum Night</i> -Asked for feedback. 6. <i>Safety/Security</i> -Reviewed Code Red and Fire Drills 7. <i>Transportation</i> -Explained many buses are at capacity and students may not ride buses other than their own. Middle Schools are the last of ES and HS to be transported home. Back-ups from other schools may cause delays.
CONCLUSIONS	<i>Transportation</i> -Parent asked if the school could notify parents when bus is running late <i>Curriculum Night</i> -Parent felt there was not enough time and teachers needed longer than 8 min. each <i>Code Red Drills</i> -Parent asked if DRMS could notify parents when having a Code Red DRILL so there's no confusion.

TOPIC Technology/Personal Learning Device

PRESENTER Josh Martin

DISCUSSION	DRMS is approx. (1:2) school with computers. Students often do partner activities, sharing computers. They are allowed to bring their own device for academic purposes.
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TOPIC REACH Program

PRESENTER Josh Martin



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DISCUSSION	REACH Georgia is the State of Georgia's needs-based mentorship and college scholarship program, as a key component of the state's Complete College Georgia Initiative. DRMS recommended one 8 th gr. student last year. Student is monitored through High School.
CONCLUSIONS	Parent asked how students are selected. Recommended by teachers and counselors.

TOPIC School Improvement Plan SIP /COGNIA STEM Certification
PRESENTER Lisa Burns

DISCUSSION	DRMS SIP Goals and 2023 Milestones Data was shared.
	PLC-Professional Learning Communities explained-Teachers coming together to improve student achievement.
	COGNIA STEM CERTIFICATION-DRMS increasing STEM activities, has a STEM committee of teachers

TOPIC CCSD Cares / Social Media **PRESENTER** Josh Martin

DISCUSSION	CCSD Cares lessons are 2x per month
	DRMS Social Media platforms are Twitter and Facebook

TOPIC Basketball and Cheer **PRESENTER** Tom Usry

DISCUSSION	Basketball/cheer is only sport MS offers for both boys and girls.
	Season is from Nov.-Jan.

TOPIC EXP **PRESENTER** Tom Usry

DISCUSSION	EXP is a morning program that offers students additional support in ELA/Math. It's based on teacher referrals and parent requests. Begins early Oct. and runs up to GA Milestones
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TOPIC Leadership Qualities of a Principal **PRESENTER** K. Chandler

DISCUSSION	Council reviewed the 2022-23 Leadership Qualities of a Principal document. Mrs. Chandler asked if there were any requests to change them. None were provided.
CONCLUSIONS	Council agreed to keep 2022-2023 Qualities and submit them for 2023-2024.

TOPIC Election of SAC Officers /Questions **PRESENTER** K. Chandler

DISCUSSION	Jason Kozlowski elected Chairperson
	Kimberly Colvin elected Vice-Chairperson
	Misty Harper elected Secretary
CONCLUSIONS	Jason Kozlowski, Council Member, asked if Reach program for Autism could be continued at the High School level.
	School Level.



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AJOURNMENT CALLED BY	Kathleen Chandler
TIME	5:35pm
NEXT MEETING	Dec. 12, 2023