

SHS School Council
Minutes of Meeting
October 9, 2023 at 5:30 pm
SHS Media Center

The Statesboro High School School Council had its second meeting of the 23-24 school year on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 5:30 pm in the Media Center at Statesboro High School. Council members present were as follows: Principal Keith Wright, Maggie Halaby, Lakesha Hill, Amy Jo Riggs, Talmeshia Parker, Ashley Thompson, and Jen Calhoun joined virtually. Kathy Yawn was not present.

Principal Keith Wright called the meeting to order.

Chairperson Lakesha Hill announced a “parking lot” rule that the council would follow for meetings. When the discussion is off topic or taking too long, someone will say “parking lot” and that discussion will be tabled for a later time. Mrs. Hill also thanked to teachers and Mr. Wright for an awesome Homecoming Week and said that several people commented on how well dressed the Homecoming Court was and how nice they looked.

The minutes from the September meeting were approved with no changes.

The only item under Old Business was the Concussion Protocol. Principal Wright updated the council members that if a student has a concussion, a letter will come from the Athletic Director, Dr. Driggers, to the students teachers, grade level counselor, grade level administrator, nurse, and head coach. If Dr. Driggers is not on campus, the nurse will be the back up person for distributing the information. There will also be a “flag” in Infinite Campus while the student is under the concussion protocol.

The first item for New Business was updates from the Principal. Principal Wright shared information that was shared with Board Members at the Spotlight Presentation. Information on the School Improvement Plan, Points of Pride and Problems of Practice were shared. On October 11, 2023, the Statesboro High School Periodic Review team presented to Superintendent Wilson and his team on our School Improvement Plan. Through our SIP, we are monitoring grades, PLC’s and school climate. The following chart shows Discipline, Attendance and Graduation Rate Data. Principal Wright also followed up that out of the 87 write-ups in August, 12 of them occurred at TLC.

School Year	Discipline Data - August	Discipline Data - September	Attendance (percent of students missing 10% of school days so far)	Graduation Rate
21-22	131	250	9.34%	83.5%
22-23	145	165	8.47%	Projected increase
23-24	109	145	6.44%	

On Friday, October 13, 2023, SHS will have its first school wide incentive for students that are passing all 4 classes, have had no all day ISS or OSS and have had 6 or less absences in the first nine weeks of school. At the first meeting, there was discussion about an AP/Honors Night. Principal Wright updated the council that this night will happen during Spring Semester (in February or March) as students are selecting classes for the next school year. Parents suggested that AP students sit on a student panel to answer questions during the AP/Honors Night.

The second item for New Business was Midterm and Final Exams. Principal Wright shared that we will not have midterm exams. The exam exemption goes for final exams. Parents expressed concern with the 5 absences for students that have to see special doctors or that are sickly. Principal Wright said that exceptions are made for students with extenuating circumstances.

The third item on the agenda for New Business was AP Exams. Ms. Halaby asked questions from other parents about the purchase of AP exams, and the impact to Spring AP courses. Mrs. Mary Helen Harrison is the AP Coordinator for SHS. AP exams will be ordered by the school for students in AP courses. If parents have questions from the Parent Info Sheet that was compiled by the district, please contact Mrs. Teresa Phillips.

The next item on the agenda for New Business was the new Restroom procedure upstairs. This was a change in procedure to help with student safety. Students are asked to sign in and out of the restrooms upstairs each day.

The last item on the agenda for New Business was Senior Spirit Wear. Most of the questions parents had about this were answered in the Senior Newsletter that was sent out by Mrs. Tiffany Weathers.

At the end of the meeting, there was time to discuss other items. Dr. Riggs informed the council that at William James, 8th graders can sit with who they want and where they want at lunch to help prepare them for high school. Chairperson Lakesha Hill questioned what was taking the

location of Head Start at the Central Office. Suggestions were made about 9th grade orientation. It would be beneficial to show parents how Ga Milestones affect their high school placement and what the foundations and literacy classes look like on their schedule.

The next meeting was decided to be on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the SHS Media Center.