

School Council Agenda
February 8, 2024
Southeast Bulloch Middle School

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Vision: SEBMS is a supportive learning environment where respect is shown, strong relationships are built, and successful students are developed.

Mission: The mission of SEBMS is to inspire and empower students to thrive academically and socially through a positive learning community based on respectful relationships.

Motto: "SEBMS - A Place of Possibility"

Call to Order

Phil Oliver-Meeting started @9:01

Reading and Adoption of Minutes from December 14, 2023 Meeting

Minutes Read: Shantell Henry

Motion to adopt: Brandon Poole Second: Kirsten Patterson

Attendance

Present: Todd Veland, Penny Oglesby, Shantell Henry, Mary Michael Logue, Kathryn Hodges, Nyja Gaines, Brandon Poole, Kirsten Patterson, Adrian Peterson, & Phil Oliver.

Data Review

- Periodic Review #2- BOE District office members met with the Leadership team of SEBMS to talk about SIP
- Data Exercise Info
- Resolution Tree- faculty put resolutions on the tree for academic and behavioral goals for 2nd semester.

What's Been Happening?

- I-Ready Super School (Reading)- SEBMS won 1st place in ELA (banner and trophy)
Tier 1: everybody Tier 2: Small group Tier 3: one on one>>>
The goal is to reduce the number of students in Tier 2 and Tier 3.
These numbers should reduce even more by the end of the year.
- Behavior (number of referrals)- For February 2024, referrals are down about 25% from the previous year. We are coming up with a strategic plan for March to ensure our numbers do not increase. Last year we had 100 referrals in March.

- Dress Code -will approach dress code with input from faculty and staff, parents, and students (Lunch Council).
 - Concerns:
 - Boys: shirts with messages more so than images
 - Girls: leggings
 - Lunch Council feels SEBMS dress code is appropriate
- Attendance Update- Attendance has improved since the County wide attendance policy is getting back to normal. A small portion of students are in the Tier 2 attendance column. No students are currently in Tier 3.
- ESOL- Students receiving these services have increased by 50% in the past month. New ESOL format- the ESOL teacher works with the students daily during SS class.
- New criteria for School Dances- no office referrals, students must be passing all classes, less than 5 unexcused absences.
 - Patterson): Does the new expectation apply to clubs and extracurricular? (Veland) there are expectation in Beta Club and Quest
- Blue Ribbon School of Excellence- Leadership would like to go forward with this opportunity. The team believes it's beneficial to get feedback from outside sources so that our school can continue to grow. Must meet 80% in every category in order to be recognized as a Lighthouse School. Cost: This program will be paid for with Title I funds not local funds.

Staffing Update

- Addition to our SEBMS Administration Team- Travis Brooks (coming from WJMS) We will have 3 APs this is also due to the growth of our student population.
- Current Job openings that are posted: Chorus, Science, and an EBD Teacher
 - Chorus and Science teachers are retiring. MI/MO has a lot of students, Our current EBD teacher will be the second MI/MO position
- Looking to offer a new Connection class next year, possibly Spanish.
 - In the process of interviewing. Haven't had any applicants for Spanish class yet.
 - Peterson) : Are there any other schools that offer a Spanish class? (Veland) no other school currently offers Spanish. (Peterson) This will be great for students especially 8th graders as they transition into High School. (Veland) reached out to HS for some applicants that might be interested in the position. Spanish is usually a hard position to fill.

Points of Pride

- Spring Sports-Soccer, baseball, track, golf
- Professional Dress day for students and staff-Have done this multiple times. We will continue to do this throughout the year.

- SEBMS won 1st Place at the Quiz Bowl Competition

Building Improvements -

- Before and After Building Updates
- Messages on walls/building - students pay attention to what they see.
- More focus on SEBMS branding
- Faculty and Staff received new name signs to place near classroom/office door
- New air filters to improve air quality
- Gutters “top envelopes” are being replaced
- Gym floor- A new floor will be very expensive. Damage could possibly be due to pulling the bleachers in and out. However, there are certain areas that need more repair than others. The entire floor will not get replaced. However, the most damaged areas will get repaired this summer.
- New security upgrade has been placed on the windows of classroom/office doors- can't see inside of the room. New door locks- the classroom/office doors now lock automatically
- If parents/families would like to meet with Admin to discuss an issue, there is a form available for them to fill out to schedule a meeting with Admin.

Looking Forward

- 7th Grade STEM field trip to GSU Feb. 26, 2024 based on YouScience data
- 8th Grade QUEST field Trip Feb. 22&23, 2024 overnight trip to Atlanta
- Nan Rushing Writing Contest 3/2/24
- SEBMS will participate in Relay for Life (ongoing fundraising organized by Alligood)
- GMAS Simulation day- Thursday March 28th
- GMAS Dates-
 - Language Arts (April 22nd -24th)
 - Math (April 25th & 26th)
 - Science for 8th Grade (29th & 30th)
 - (Oglesby) ongoing information shared weekly on Parent Newsletter

Educator Hall of Fame

- (Oliver) We can create a spreadsheet for ideas to be posted on and discussed at our last School Council meeting of the year. We will not start the Educator Hall of Fame until next school term.
- How many Educators will be inducted per year? 2 per year and 1 posthumous
- What will the nomination process look like?
- Qualification Criteria for nominees?
 - Minimum number of years in service, good standing

Henry) We should allow the community to be included in nominations

Poole) Hall of Fame rubric from other committees - use something that is already created but tailored to fit our needs.

Veland) School Council could be the panel that decides on who is inducted. We could invite a few other people to help with the decision making

Peterson) How often? (Oliver) every year, so that the impact is not lessened.

Veland) lots of former students are working in our schools and making a huge difference

Oliver) opportunity should be open to everyone, not just Administrators and Teachers.

Patterson) We recognize Faculty and Staff Members of the Year. We can continue with this tradition with the Hall of Fame

Open Floor Discussion & Community Concerns & Input

- (Oliver) Parents have asked what's happening to the outside of the school
(Veland) The workers are working at different schools which is why the project is taking a long time. The gutters are being improved. The work speed on the project is improving.

-(Patterson) PTO is putting together a Family Fun Day (March 16 from 11-2pm). They are looking for community support for food and prizes. Info is posted on the PTO Southeast Bulloch Middle School facebook page.

Logue) Staff Easter Egg Hunt, GMAS baskets for teachers, and Teacher's Appreciation week. There will be a lot of opportunities for parents/families to help out.

Next Steps

- Ideas for Hall of Fame rubric

Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Poole Seconded: Hodges

Meeting ended: 9:49

*Breakfast and drinks were provided