

Taylor Road Middle School – Governance Council Meeting

Virtual

Minutes – March 18, 2022

Members present: Martha Patorgis, Katharine Bridges, Franca Marsh, Marcy Morantz, Payal Chhabria, Julie Ray and Principal, Kelly Parker

Members absent: Michael Sinco, Kristie Face

Guests: Heidi Russell, Gail Crust, Catherine Burwell, Lea-Anne Moxley

The Meeting was called to order at 7:47 am

Katharine Bridges, moved to accept the agenda for the March 18, 2022, meeting. Julie Ray seconded the motion.

Franca Marsh, moved to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2022, meeting. Marcy Morantz seconded the motion.

Martha Patorgis presented the request for allocating the remaining \$21,040.84 Flexible Funds

Katharine Bridges made a motion to spend the remaining, and unused portions of previously allocated funds for: teacher support, student support, 6th grade book studies, ELA and SS combined book studies, classroom sets of novels that need to be replaced due to loss or damage, hallway signage, the moving of large artwork within the building, t-Shirts for students and staff for the 7th grade field trip, PBIS, teacher appreciation, Tiger Talk projects. Julie Ray seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comment – None

Informational Items

Student Advisory Group – Martha Patorgis informed the council that Ms. Bryant-Butler, Ms. Pompey and herself sponsor a Student Advisory Group. The students will be creating their definition of racism and suggesting the consequences that should be given to those students who express racist behavior. The group would like to have an eighth-grade connection class formed to study different cultures. They would like to see the return of assemblies. The group hopes to be able to purchase T-shirts stating Racism – not a joke. Ms. Patorgis, in response to a question from Ms. Morantz, went on to explain the consequences for racist comments which are considered a form of harassment and fall under a level 3 offense in the Fulton County handbook. Plans are being made to inform all teachers at the beginning of next year as to what constitutes a racist comment at Taylor Road MS. Infraction of the set expectations will meet with a consequence and restorative action.

Superintendent Advisory Council -report by Ms. Morantz – annual perception survey will be given April 11 – 22. Everyone is expected to take the survey – there is no access to a Parent Curriculum Hub

SGC Elections – Applications for candidacy closed April 12, 2022. Elections are April 20 – 27, 2022.

Teacher Moral Update – Ms. Bridges showed the Council the relaxation room created with SGC money.

Principal Update – Mr. Parker informed the Council that we have two teachers who will retire this year. There have been multiple perspective teacher interviews.

Ms. Patorgis set the April agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 am.

The next meeting is April 15, 2022