

**Meeting Norms:**

- 1) Come Prepared
- 2) Be respectful of others' opinions
- 3) Work for the good of all students

**Heards Ferry Elementary School Governance Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** March 24, 2023

**Time:** 7:45 A.M.

**Location:** Heards Ferry Elementary School

*(This meeting allows time for public comment.)*

SGC Members present: Kassie Nattrass, Teacher/ Ellen Lesaicherre, Teacher/ Jennifer Hidock, Appointed Staff/ Allie Yancey, Appointed Staff/ Meredith Camp, Parent/ Bettina Bommarius, Parent/ Kelley Shaw, Parent / Jason Adler, Community Member/ Danny Miree, Community Member

Additionally, Lori Dunagan and Nan Janis were present for direction, information, and administration purposes. Julie Habib was present for Eagle Alliance update. Stacy Goldstein was present for observation.

**Call to Order**

- Call to Order/ Approve Agenda 7:48 am Jason Adler

**Action Items**

- Agenda was amended to include Orff Ensemble Update (Approved with amendment: Bettina Bommarius motioned to approve, Second Jennifer Hidock and approved unanimously)
- Approve February Meeting Minutes  
(Approved: Kelly Shaw motioned to approve the Feb meeting minutes with revision, Second: Kassie Nattrass, and the motion was approved unanimously)

**Informational Items****Superintendent Parent Council Update**

- Jason attended last SPC meeting. Large part of conversation was about biases, challenges to curriculum and impact this may have on district's schools.
- New GA state laws require schools to give alternative curriculum at the request of parents for material they find objectionable.

**Prepare for SGC Elections**

- HFE is in good shape as far as required SGC candidates. School has 3 parent and 2 teachers running.

- Requirements are for 2 parents and 1 teacher candidate
- Elections April 9-12

### **Principal's Update**

- Lori/Nan gave updates on security upgrade Items:
  - Window films – Interior aesthetic films approved. District installed exterior film still pending and will not interfere with interior.
  - Lighting – approved
  - Additional security cameras – Not yet approved. Estimate came in higher than expected.
  - Playpad Sun Shades – Not approved. Project more expensive than expected at \$40k. New vendor has been identified to contact for bid.
  - Marquis – Fulton County requires uniformity across schools. Issue for HFE is finding power supply to Marquis.
- Staff appreciation was a huge success
- IB Evaluation had a great participation and favorable results. Zero matters identified to be addressed. Parent involvement was high. IB board found strong teacher growth and progress. Next assessment in 5 years.

### **Eagle Alliance Update**

- Staff appreciation travel theme was well received by all and much appreciated.
- Parent party coming up this weekend. Staff and parents invited.

### **Orff Ensemble Update**

- Ellen gave update that Orff Ensemble is going better than she had hoped
- All instruments have arrived and fully functional
- Currently 15 kids participate with hopes of growing next year
- Orff Concert for 3-5 graders on Wednesday 3/29 9:00am

### **Discussion Items**

- April meeting will focus on any leftover Charter funds
- There were no public comments

Motion to adjourn at 8:15am made by Meredith Camp, Second by Bettina Bommarius