

Taylor Road Middle School – Governance Council Meeting

Virtual

Minutes – January 13, 2023

Members present Linda Bryant-Butler, Cathy Burwell, Gail Crust, Heidi Russell, Emily Lavretta, Franca Marsh, Michael Sinco, Payal Chhabria and Principal Kelly Parker

Members absent Steve Akinboro

Guests Lea-Anne Moxley

Meeting was called to order at 7:47 am

Cathy Burwell moved to approve the agenda for the January 13, 2023, meeting. Heidi Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cathy Burwell moved to approve the minutes of the December 2022, meeting. Heidi Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Forum

Franca Marsh asked if Fulton County was considering weapon detection devices in each school. Kelly Parker reported not at this time. The County will be issuing chips for the staff badges.

Superintendent's Meeting Update

Emily Lavretta reported that the December meeting was cancelled. Her report was from the January 12, 2023, meeting.

- A discussion was held about how to best support the mental health of students within the school and to make sure that each student has an adult that they are comfortable with speaking to at school.
- New Math program was discussed. Many decisions still need to be made regarding the program.
- Fulton County's contract with iReady is coming up for renewal, the County is considering other options
- The vetting process for Charter Schools was discussed

Expending of SGC funds

Gail Crust informed the group that a teacher had requested 30 adjustable size desks and regular desks. The Council agreed that more information was needed before action could be taken.

Principal's Update - Kelly Parker

- Data from and importance of iReady was reported
- The Staff Pride Survey results are in. 75%+ of the staff gave an 8 or higher to working at TRMS. Two areas in which the staff were particularly proud was the high expectations set and the

degree of staff collaboration. Two words that kept being used in both a positive and negative way were, support and communication. Leadership is being tasked with obtaining a consensus as to what these two words mean to the staff.

- Update on personnel
- Thank you to everyone that helped with the weather crises on Thursday. Franca Marsh and Michael Sinco also congratulated the staff on a job well done.

Agenda for next meeting on February 10, 2023, in room 114 at Taylor Road Middle School

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 am