

Taylor Road Middle School – Governance Council meeting minutes

Virtual, May 12, 2023

Members present Linda Bryant- Butler, Cathy Burwell, Gail Crust, Heidi Russell, Emily Lavretta, Michael Sinco, Payal Chhabra

Members absent Steve Akinboro, Franca Marsh

Guests Shannon Carey, Tommy Thornton, Ron Huggins, Lea-Anne Moxley

Meeting was called to order at 7:46 am.

Heidi Russell moved to approve the agenda for the May 12, 2023, meeting. Cathy Burwell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Heidi Russell moved to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2023, meeting. Cathy Burwell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Gail Crust gave an update on the SGC funds. All funds were spent.

Superintendent's Update was given by Emily Lavretta.

April Meeting – items discussed:

Strategic plan, grading, salaries, ChatGPT, possible partnership with non-Fulton County Pre-K programs

May Meeting – items discussed:

Loss of money on lost and damaged computers. Next year K – 5 will no longer be able to take their computers home. Each school will have Tech support available.

Salaries possibly with tiers

Designing the new math program so that students can catch up. Solution for Middle Schools to be able to have Geometry courses.

Equalizing homework load among schools.

Introduction of Purposity app which connects those in need with potential donors.

Principal's Update

Mr. Huggins informed the Council that TRMS had completed Milestone testing.

Open Forum

Linda Bryant- Butler informed the group that one of her students had the highest score on the Social Studies test. She also asked why the new pay scale shows less than a 5.1% salary increase.

Heidi Russell informed the Council that she had three students won in the conference district in the Stock market Game.

Michael Sinco shared with everyone that rising 6th grade students had started cross country training.

Gail Crust thanked members who are leaving, Michael Sinco and Cathy Burwell, for their service.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 am.