

**Corley Elementary School  
School Council Meeting**

**September 15, 2022**

**Meeting called to order at 9:08 A.M. by Aleshia Duckworth**

❖ **Members Present**

- Aleshia Duckworth– Principal, Corley Elementary
  - Jafria Wooden – Certified Teacher, Corley Elementary
  - Keshia Blythers – Certified Teacher, Corley Elementary
  - Mary Jones-Parent
  - Denise Robinson-Parent
  - Denise Gomez-Parent
  - Jesus Islas- Parent
  - Maria Soto-Parent
  - \_\_\_\_\_-Parent
  - Dr. Watlington- Area Superintendent (attended briefly)
- **Introductions-** Duckworth introduced all present members and introduced our 2022-2023 TOTY- Ms. Blythers

❖ **New Business**

- ❖ **Mrs. Duckworth** provided overview of materials in folder. She discussed the district wide initiative on the Blueprint of the future for Gwinnett County. The vision was developed during Dr. Watts, (Listen and Learn Tour)-
- ❖ **Mrs. Duckworth** discussed School Council components via ppt." School Council Organization" and each council member had a copy of the document. We reviewed Bylaws and our meeting was centered on the discussion of the purpose of the Local School Council.
- ❖ **Duckworth-** We want to encourage the council to share their ideas about best practices to support our school by sharing our advice and recommendations to all stakeholders (principal, board, cluster, and area superintendents)
- ❖ **Duckworth** shared shift in our school's LSPI focus. Another component added in our LSPI will also focus on our 4'E'S (Empathy, Equity, Effectiveness and Excellence) which aligns with the district's vision for local schools.
- ❖ **Duckworth-** Data showed Gwinnett County Public Schools sent more students to alternative schools than metro Atlanta's next five largest school districts

combined in recent years. The data also showed a disheartening disparity between minorities being disciplined at disproportionately higher rates than white students. What supports can we put in place to better support these students and bridge the gap?

#### ❖ **Announcements**

- Introduction to Corley's 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year
- The Local School Council discussed open position of Chairperson. Denise Robinson was nominated and elected as Corley's School Council Chairperson for 2022-2023

#### ❖ **Council Input**

- **Denise Gomez-** Do we provide community service opportunities for students in replacement of the tribunal? Putting students in a different space and introducing them to something they have never been exposed to can truly be a game changer.
- **Duckworth-** Multi-Tiered System of Supports- Implementing the framework of MTSS will help decrease the number of students placed in Tier 2 and 3.
- **Denise Gomez-** Discussed the concept of home structure and how this may impact student behaviors. Addressing the gap that should be bridged among parent and student.
- **Blythers-** How do we support parents to help their child at home? Blythers addressed her concerns and provided insight on this topic
- **Denise Robinson-** Engage Georgia- Are parents aware of this support that is offered? They stated they represent Corley – Works with State Farm and would like to see how she can partner with our school's clubs to support students along with State Farm.
- **Denise Gomez -**Tutoring- Suggested there should be some type of extra - curricular opportunities for students to be peer tutors. Increasing leadership opportunities for students.
- **Duckworth-** Interested in looking on how to implement PTA at school within the next few years. Implementing more opportunities for family involvement by building capacity.
- **Wooden-** College and Career Readiness- Bridging the gap between schools and community. Partnering and networking with local businesses, organizations,

and companies to support a College and Career Readiness Day- Providing opportunities for the community to support their local school.

- **Question proposed to School Council**-What are some ways school council members can encourage the participation of parents? - PR Kit, highlighting how parents can support- promote and target audience via social media, website, Class Dojo and flyers. Focus in on specific components to narrow how parents can support- **Jafria Wooden**
- ❖ **Duckworth**- Reevaluate tech to ensure all parents are connected and are receiving updates via emails for Corley Cheers.
- ❖ Enhance social media traffic for Corley Elementary- Brainstorming ideas of how we can maximize social medial platforms to highlight the great things we are doing at our schools so that we can reach our goal of Corley being #1 school of choice.
- ❖ Reviewed Corley Grows video facilitated by Ms. Blythers. We discussed coming up with a plan to send reminders to parents about club dates in advanced that students signed up for. Mrs. Gomez and Robinson would like to support the clubs at Corley.
- ❖ **Denise Robinson**- addressed concern about Covid Notifications. Are we able to implement a protocol to notify parents of students in a class who have been exposed- especially for students whose parents are high risk due to medical conditions? Duckworth will follow-up.
  
- ❖ **Upcoming Events**
  - Family Engagement Night- September 29, 2022
  
- ❖ **Scheduled Council Meetings**
  - The next school council meeting is scheduled for 11/16/22 at Berkmar High School

**Meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M. by Aleshia Duckworth.**