SHS School Council
Minutes of Meeting
April 22, 2024 at 5:30 pm
SHS Media Center

The Statesboro High School School Council had its sixth, and final, meeting of the 23-24 school year on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the Media Center at Statesboro High School. Council members present were as follows: Principal Keith Wright, Maggie Halaby, Lakesha Hill, Kathy Yawn, Ashley Thompson, Talmeshia Parker, Amy Jo Riggs and Jen Calhoun.

Chairperson Lakesha Hill called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the March meeting were approved with no changes. Jen Calhoun made the motion to approve the minutes and Kathy Yawn seconded the motion.

There were no items for Old Business.

The first item for New Business was updates from the Principal. Principal Wright updated the School Council members about their request for a PTO. He said that it would have to come from School Council members and not administration. Mr. Wright gave the necessary steps that parents would need to follow in order to start a PTO. Mrs. Hill mentioned that when she was President of the LCMS PTO, there was a contact person at the school. Mrs. Yawn also mentioned that the purpose of a PTO is to support the school. Principal Wright recommends that parents start small and that a group of parents would be needed to start this. Principal Wrights second update was regarding the AP/Honors Parent Night. He said there was a glitch in the Menti questions. If parents still have questions, they are encouraged to reach out to Mr. Wright or their grade level administrator. Principal Wright said that yes, it was planned last minute, and that was because the school plans events over the summer, and this was not one of them. However, since School Council members asked for this to happen, SHS decided to do it. One parent mentioned that this was the 2nd time SHS had a parent night and did not answer the parent questions. Mr. Wright sent a follow up email to parents and school council members. Mrs. Yawn said that her takeaways were that 1. We have parents at SHS that care and 2. We have teachers that care and want to involve parents in their child's education. The third update from Principal Wright is that SHS would not be having a Parent Orientation night in the Fall. He said that the attendance has declined since we started it. Mrs. Calhoun asked if the district office is changing the AP policies, specifically the grade for sitting for the test for the 24-25 school year. She also said that students are concerned about the weight of Honors/AP courses being the same. The final update from Principal Wright was the School Improvement Plan Initiatives for next school year. He updated that 5 teachers would be attending a PLC conference over the summer.

The second item for New Business was Parent Appreciation. Parents gave positive feedback and praise to the school.

At the end of the meeting, there was time to discuss other items. Mrs. Halaby asked about Devil Pride Time and what the purpose of it is. There was discussion about negative team interactions in athletics. There was also discussion about the SNAP fundraiser and school athletic fees.