School Council Agenda
September 5, 2024
Southeast Bulloch Middle School

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Vision: SEBMS is a supportive learning environment where respect is shown, strong relationships are built, and successful students are developed.

Mission: The mission of SEBMS is to inspire and empower students to thrive academically and socially through a positive learning community based on respectful relationships.

Motto: "SEBMS - A Place of Possibility"

Call to Order
Meeting started @ 9:00 called to order by Mr. Oliver

Reading and Adoption of Minutes from May 28, 2024 Meeting
Accepted by Mr. Poole, Seconded by Mrs. Mackleprang

Attendance
Present: Dr. Veland, Mr. Oliver, Hal Wilson, Mrs. Mackelprang, Mr. Poole, Mrs. Cowart, Ms. Henry
Absent: Mr. Peterson, Mrs. Everett
Other Guests: Ms. Oglesby, Mrs. Logue, Mrs. Hodges

Introduction of 3 New Parent Members
Hal Wilson, Alyssa Mackelprang, Monica Everett
New members accepted Mr. Oliver, no objections

Data Review/ School Improvement Plan
- SIP and Impact Check Review *Google Slides and graphs shared by Dr. Veland*
- Data Review *Google slides and graphs shared by Dr. Veland*

- *Blue Ribbon School of Excellence: SEBMS Department chairs will present in Orlando, Award is for 5 years.
- Leadership team leads the entire school. The team meets once per month, goals and school improvement are discussed and shaped during our Leadership meeting. Improvements that are made and achievements are led by the Leadership team and Staff.
- School Appearance: Photos were shared relating to Academic, Behavioral and the Facilities at SEBMS. These areas are all improved at once.
- Data was shared. SEBMS is leading the county in academics and discipline. By being proactive, we have been able to keep our behavioral data down

- The Leadership Team has read Trust and Inspire by Stephen Covey.
- SEMBS enrollment is at 895, highest ever. Growth has been significant.
- Faculty and Staff name identifier plates have been placed at every classroom and office.
- The County has provided room humidifiers to help with air quality.
- Flex Grouping: Teams look at data to group students among teams during Jacket Time. (*Mr. Poole*- Flex grouping looks different at each grade level and for every PLC. As for Science, Science assessments are given, teachers look at data to create groups for enrichment, remediation. This allows teachers to provide students with what they need. Teachers are given groups based upon the teacher's strengths and weaknesses) *Veland*-trust takes a huge role here. Every student becomes every teachers' student.

- Full PLC Days- helps with flex grouping. Having the PLC days are beneficial. Data was shown to show how ELA scores have increased. Math GMAS scores were just released last Friday.
- Attendance is back in the forefront. We are doing perfect attendance celebrations each month, for faculty, staff and students.
- 8th Grade GMAS 62% scored in level 3 and 4. Percentages for 6th and 7th grade were both over 40% for students scoring a level 3 or 4. Our goal at SEBMS is for over 50% of all of our students to score in level 3 or 4.

What's Been Happening?

- New Teachers - in addition to County New Hire Orientation day, SEBMS also hosts a New to SEBMS faculty and staff orientation.
- New Paraprofessional PD Training - Paraprofessionals now have full day training.
- Teacher Clarity- teachers across the county meet every nine weeks to ensure teachers are clear about standards and the language of the standards. This is to ensure all teachers across the County are teaching the standards the same way and are using the same language.
- Honors PD - Teachers get together once per nine weeks to ensure the rigor is in the Honor's classes.

Points of Pride

- Academics Focus and Student Leadership Team
- SEBM News Team -new and improved student led NewsTeam. *A clip of the news was shown to the School Council.*
- New Parent Newsletter (dates and new links are on parent newsletter * Behavior expectations and code of conduct has been reiterated website, expectation talks,),
- Student Newsletter (Newsletter sent to students on Fridays at 3:00.)
- Fall Sports: Tennis, Cross Country, Cheerleading and Football- off to a great season

Educator Hall of Fame

- Review Process and Vote for Approval

(Veland) *Small committee was set up to create the HOF application. SEBM HOF application was shared. Applications will be viewed by the committee only. HOF flyers have been created and will be posted on the school website.
(Oliver) Different people have reached out about being Sponsors. Signage to go along the road leading to the school to showcase and celebrate the School's Awards.
-(Henry) For HOF are we including others such as support staff? (Oliver) yes we should change the wording on the flyer to include support staff. (Poole) This change could be made to the flyers.
-Number of HOF Recipients chosen each year: (Oliver) 2 per year
-Oliver moved to accept Educator Hall of Fame information.
-Due Date: HOF: All nominations must be submitted by the end of the day on Nov. 22, 2024
-(Veland) School Spotlight Dec. 12 at BOE. Will ask the Board if SEBMS could share our Hall of Fame during the school's presentation.
(Mackelprang) What is Spotlight? (Veland) sharing school improvement and data during Board Meeting.
(Oliver) Will the school handle how the Hall of Fame member is showcased/displayed? (Veland) yes.
-(Wilson) Will there be a rubric for scoring the applications? (Poole) Yes, set criteria will be created for viewing and scoring the applications
-(Oliver) HOF application process should also have a very private deliberation. All rubrics are left with the Principal or whoever is in charge. Let the Public know there is a rubric but it will not be shared/viewed.
(Mackelprang) will the information be blinded/ will judges be known? (Oliver) names will not be released to keep people from thinking favoritism will take place about the chosen winners.

Other/Looking Ahead:

-School Council Meetings 4x per school year
-Parent Involvement Night 9/9/2024
(Veland)FCCLA will be providing dinner catered by El Som. Mrs. Cowan, Family and Consumer Science teacher, wants to make family dinner a tradition. Research shows this helps with SEL. Dinner will be combined with Annual Title 1 Night.
-Exterior work (current progress, estimated completion date)
(Veland) The job is going alot better now. Bi-weekly meetings with the company who is doing the work. There have been some supply and delay issues. However, supply has gotten better. Workers are working in the afternoon/evening so it doesn't disturb instruction throughout the day. They have started with larger working crews and a Supervisor on sight. Expected to be finished with the entire envelope around the school by the end of October. Right now, the metal brackets are a big hold up. During the storm (Tropical Storm Debbie) our school suffered water damage due to construction issues created by the company. The company is held responsible for the damage and will pay for the cost to repair.

-Open Floor Discussion: Community Concerns

*(Veland) Safety Meetings are held at the beginning of the year before the school year starts. Systems are checked every year. The security system takes over and tells faculty and students exactly what to do under any drill/real situation. Our doors automatically lock. We have security screens in glass on doors; can't see in, but can see out. We have an SRO on site and the sheriff department rides out and visits our school continuously especially since our SRO is out. We do have the gate behind the school and SROs check any cars that may be in the back area of both schools. The SROs from the High SChool and Middle School work together to keep check on both schools. Safety Drill is scheduled soon (before Oct. 1 via State law). A discussion will be had with Leadership about when to have the safety drill due to recent events, don't want to cause more anxiety. Principals communicate with the District in regards to Security needs.
(Oliver) SROs are very vigilant, even students are reporting when doors are propped or something seems off.

(Oglesby) Car pick up is flowing smoothly with the looping. Asking parents not to park in the lane and/or cutting across the parking lot with students walk across. Parents are encouraged to get in a parking space or in the line. Would like for parents to avoid dropping students off at school before 7:15.
(Mackelprang) She knows a Logistic professor at GSU who is willing to give suggestions to help with cars and traffic.

(Veland) the left turn can be problematic in the morning especially when SRO/sheriff are not out there.
(Mackelprang) Suggested: a sign asking parents to make two lines would help move the traffic.
(Wilson) appreciate the new look of the gym floor, would like for the paint on floor lines (basketball lines) to be a little darker in color because they are hard to see
(Veland) Wrestling, volleyball and flag football clubs have been started
(Veland) Student Council meets with Admin during lunch for a lunch council group. They provide student feedback. The school nutritionist will conduct a taste test with students about new things for the menu. KIndness Matters will also be started.
(Oglesby) Acceptance Club will be started to ensure all students have a place or feel like they belong.
(Veland) New links on school website: School improvement, Faculty and Staff Kuddos, Bullying links on webpage available for parents and students to reach out for help and assistance.

Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 10:03 by Olver, Poole seconded the minutes.