



**UGMS SCHOOL COUNCIL
2020-2021**

November 5, 2020 Agenda/Minutes

7:37 a.m. call to order with the following present:

Ms. Kim Norwood, Asst. Principal
Ms. Geni Reed, Chairperson
Ms. Jymmyca Wyatt, Vice Chairperson
CMSgt Gregory Gwyn, Parent
Ms. Cheri Matthews, Parent/Business
Ms. Elyse Rochowski, Teacher
Ms. Kimberly Billings, Community Parent
Ms. Joyce Vaughn, Secretary

I. Welcome and Pledge

II. Approval of Minutes / Agenda-motion was made by Ms. Matthews to approve, Ms. Rochowski seconded

III. The Learning Experience so far with Face to Face and Remote; what is working and what needs to be adjusted:

- a) concerns with the transition from elementary to middle school in regards to how students reach out, how parents reach out, how parents connect with teachers, and volunteerism
- b) concerns for the retention of taught curriculum
- c) concerns that early lunch times are causing students not to eat
- d) concerns with how teachers are juggling both face to face (FTF) learners and remote learners and whether they are getting the assistance they need; some council members were unaware that teachers were doing both FTF and remote teaching. Ms. Rochowski explained how her classroom is set up for both styles of teaching
- e) concerns over social issues like making new friends and how lunch is not fun with the social distancing and minimal amount of students in cafeteria

- f) concerns with the amount of housekeeping (going over procedures for late work, google classroom, etc) at the beginning of class and how it is cutting into instructional time
- g) favorable items include: maintaining safe practices for students and staff, parent teacher conferences being held if needed (FTF or virtual), teachers getting additional training from the district, teachers with additional certifications helping other teachers, and the district giving the schools the flexibility with FTF returns if remote students are having difficulty in the remote setting

IV. Open Questions/Comments-Ms. Norwood advised the Council that town hall meetings will take place next week where all students will have an opportunity to discuss issues with the Administration. She also mentioned the parent “Week Ahead” newsletter will now include “due today assignments” so parents are made aware.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 a.m., the next meeting will be December 3rd at 7:30 a.m.