

Woodstock Elementary School Council Minutes

September 4, 2024

Meeting Called to order at 8:04 am.

Members present:

Ann Driver
Jennifer Shorter
Michelle Giles
Kelly Chappius
Toya Longshore
Jennifer Giattino
Samara Piller

Updates with Mrs. Driver

- Mrs. Driver welcomed the council and opened the meeting by sharing the vision of Dr. Mary Elizabeth Davis.
 - She is about business.
 - 2024-2026 Key Priorities were shared.
 - Elevate the Excellence
 - Academic goal: Increase 6% in the next three years.
 - School ops are making frequent school visits. They visit classrooms; give us feedback, and we give teachers feedback.
 - Admin/ILS are going into classrooms looking for best practices that reflect rigor and relevance.
 - Our Woodstock Mission Statement was shared with members.
 - School Council is serious about getting down to business about Woodstock.
- Introductions were made.
- New playgrounds and gym floor look amazing! We are very excited about both!
 - The concrete outside will have games.
 - Teacher Tuesdays this summer at the library was a huge success!
 - Subaru \$1500; grants for teachers that are earmarked for books in the hands of students.
 - Brandon Williams started the Woodstock Education Foundation. We currently have about \$15,000. We are using \$3,000 for picnic tables in the garden.
 - School Improvement Team
 - EL Summer Camp-great opportunity for ESOL students to come for a week.

- School Climate
 - PBIS: Wildcat Packs
 - Team Challenge for teacher teams w/ Olympic theme
 - Bus Bucks: Good behavior for students on the bucks
 - PAWS Slips: Positive behavior teacher referrals
 - Behavior Teams: Teachers have teamed up to handle behavior without admin. This gives teachers the power back rather than handing it over to admin.
 - CARE Team: Meets every Monday to discuss students with attendance, behavior, other problems, etc.
 - APEX Counselor
 - ADMIN
 - Counselors
 - ILS
 - School Social Worker
- WES Data
 - STAR Reading
 - Early Literacy (K-2) - 48.9% are reading proficiently
 - Reading Proficiency (3-5) - 63.1% are reading proficiently
 - Milestone ELA Data
 - Beginning (1): 27.84%
 - Developing (2): 22.85%
 - Proficient (3): 30.57%
 - Distinguished (4): 18.73%
 - iReady Math Diagnostic
 - **24% T3:** Two or more grade levels below
 - **56% T2:** One grade level below
 - **21% T1:** On grade level students
 - Reports for both STAR and iReady will be made available through Parent Square for parents.
- We discussed teachers going through LETRS training who are being trained on teaching reading based on the best practices and the Science of Reading research.
- School Council Organization and Procedures: Reviewed
- Attendance continues to be an issue. We have incentives for classes and students for attendance and being on time for school.
- School Council roles were presented and will be voted on.
 - Principal: Ann Driver
 - Chairperson: Kelly Chauppius
 - Secretary: Jennifer Shorter
 - Vice-Chairperson: Toya Longshore

- Quorum
 - Majority of the members must be present to conduct official business.
 - A majority of the members present, representing a quorum, must vote yes, for a motion to pass.
- Bi-laws will be shared via email.
- Qualities of a Principal: Complete and send to Ann.
- Mrs. Driver encouraged council members to meet the new superintendent and get to know her. She is very interested in getting to know parents and hearing their voice.

Questions, Comments, and Concerns

- Parent concerns about worksheets coming home that do not reflect rigor.
- How many homeless students do we have, and are they cared for?
 - We have our food bank started; our social worker is taking care of each students' needs whether that means food, clothing, shelter, etc.
- Can we start teacher's weekly reading at bedtime on social media? We will get a schedule out and post #WOODSTOCKREADS.
 - Mrs. Van Fossen also has Wanda the parrot that shows up in different classrooms to encourage reading.
- Can we address sports in CCSD in elementary schools that have practices so late? Extracurriculars are a major factor in school performance, tardiness, and attendance.
- Do we have a program where teachers can come early or stay late for tutoring?
 - We have ExP funds, but we typically use those funds to hire extra teachers to push into classrooms to increase small-group instruction.
- Do we have Milestone scores yet? Why haven't reports been sent out?
- Can Mrs. Van Fossen reach out to the public library to come get students signed up for a library card. If students can't go to the public library, could they reserve online, and the library deliver to Mrs. Van Fossen for students?

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.