Corley Elementary School and Organization Meeting: 9.9.24

Members Present:

➢ Mr. Gregory Jackson– Assistant Principal, Corley Elementary

➢ – Certified Teacher, Ms. Dominique Stateman, Corley Elementary

➢ Lilly Houston- PTA Representative

➢ Gretel Gillen de Mari-Parent

➢ Silvestre Perez-Parent

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by the Assistant Principal-Mr. Jackson in lieu of the school building Principal-Mrs. Aleshia Duckworth at 9:10 AM.

**Introductions**

➢ Mr. Jackson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced all present members and those absent today.

**School Council Organization and Procedure**

➢ Mr. Jackson 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. Mr. Jackson encouraged 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).

**What is the mission of the school councils?**

➢ Mr. Jackson- Shared the "Why" on conducting a school council meeting:

"The establishment of school councils is intended to help local boards of education by bringing parents and the community together with teachers and school administrators to create a better understanding of and mutual respect for each other's concerns and share ideas for school improvement. School councils shall represent the community of parents and businesses."

*(Bylaws*. Georgia School Council Institute. (2024). GeorgiaEducation.org)

➢ The mission of school councils is multifaceted, focusing on fostering a collaborative environment where parents, community members, and educators can contribute to the educational and administrative processes of the school. By engaging in open dialogue and sharing diverse perspectives, school councils aim to enhance the educational experience for students while also addressing their unique needs. The councils serve as a bridge between the

school and the wider community, ensuring that the school's policies and practices reflect the values and aspirations of the families it serves. Through this partnership, school councils help to create a supportive and inclusive environment that is conducive to learning and growth. Additionally, they play a crucial role in advocating for resources and support that enable schools to meet the evolving challenges of education in the 21st century. Ultimately, the mission of school council is to empower all stakeholders to work together towards the common goal of providing a high-quality education that prepares students for success in an increasingly complex and interconnected world.

Mr. Jackson inquired about any questions regarding the 14 topics presented in the PowerPoint, it was an opportunity to clarify any doubts from the members. These topics, categorized into three main sections, likely cover a comprehensive range of subjects. It's important to review each category and consider if the information was clear or if there are aspects that need further explanation. This is the time to engage and ensure a solid understanding of the material presented.

- Student Learning
- Local School Board Policies
- Communication and Collaboration

Next, Mr. Jackson posed a Brainstorm Quiz question: How many affirmative votes are required to pass a motion with four members present? Mrs. Houston answered the question with answer choice "C" as a correct response. Mr. Jackson asked members if there were topics, they would like to be discussed on our meeting agenda. Members had no questions at the time. Mr. Jackson proceeded with explaining the role of school council and their constituents. Mr. Jackson shared the expectations of school council outlined in the PowerPoint. Mr. Jackson asked, "How does the school council communicate to stakeholders?" Effective communication strategies, as outlined by Mrs. Houston, include using various platforms such as Parent Square, PTA, social media, flyers, emails, and meetings in the Parent Center. These methods ensure that information reaches a wide audience and facilitates active engagement and feedback from the community, which is vital for the council's operations and responsiveness to the needs of its constituents.

**School Council Membership**

Mr. Jackson shared the school council consist of the School Principal; 2 certified teachers; at least 2 parents or guardian of student enrolled in the school; additional members may also be businesspersons. He further explained that the term for a School Council Member is 2 years; withdrawal and inactive member procedures were also explained.

- Chairperson defined as a parent member, representative of the school council. Vice Chairperson will take on the essential role of the Chairperson if he or she can no longer be an active member.

**Conduction Business**

Mr. Jackson assessed the attendee numbers from the meeting today and stated that we have "Quorum" today to conduct official business.

Open Records

➢ Mr. Jackson- Shared the School Council records and Confidentiality Law related to the records. Meetings held 4 times a year and is an open to the public. However, the participant must me notified by mail at least 7 days prior to the meeting of the date, time, and location of the meeting.

Mr. Jackson shared how the meeting minutes will be shared at every local School Council Meeting.

**Open Meetings**

Mr. Jackson shared the procedures of School Council Meetings and who may call for a meeting.

**Open Records**

Mr. Jackson shared that the school councils are subject to the Open Records Act.

**Confidentiality Law**

The Bylaws of Confidentiality Records are crucial documents that outline the legal and ethical guidelines for handling sensitive information. They typically define who can access the information, under what circumstances, and the protocols for its disclosure. Mr. Jackson's sharing of these bylaws indicates a commitment to transparency and adherence to established privacy standards, ensuring that any information shared with the public is done so responsibly and in accordance with the law.

**Effectiveness of School Councils**

Mr. Jackson briefly shared the Evaluation Process.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to assign the Chairperson and Vice chairperson. Mrs. Guillen de Marie submitted herself as the Chairperson; Mr. Perez submitted himself as the Vice Chairperson. The additional members attending the meeting voted on accepting the nomination of the Chairperson-Mrs. Guillen de Marie as the Chairperson and Mr. Perez as the Vice Chairperson.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59A.M. by Mr. Gregory Jackson.

**Upcoming School Events:**

➢ Back to School Dance- September 19th

➢ Digital Learning Day (DLD) #1- September 20th

➢ Picture Day-September 26th

➢ Back to School Pep Rally-September 27th

## Scheduled Council Meetings

| Date | Time | Location |
|---|---|---|
| September 9, 2024 | 9:00AM-10:00AM | Corley Elementary |
| November 14, 2024 | 8:00AM-9:00AM | Berkmar High School |
| February 3, 2025 | 9:00AM-10:00AM | Corley Elementary |
| May 12, 2025 | 9:00AM-10:00AM | Corley Elementary |