

CES School Governance Meeting Agenda
Monday, August 31, 2020

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I. Welcome

- Ben Hamrick, 2019-2020 Chair
- Members Present: Ben Hamrick(Business Rep), Nan Asdit(Teacher Rep), Linda Kirkland(Teacher Rep), Melissa Bates(Principal), David Bentley(Parent Rep), Jessica Mitchan(Parent Rep), Bobby Walker(Business Rep)
- Members Not Present: Becky Bryant(Asst. Principal),
- Jamie Chandler(Parent Rep) - No longer part of the team due to her child not being in the school any longer. Melissa will start the process for nominations and voting of a new member. Recommended to select someone that is a parent of a 3rd grader.

II. Old Business

- Survey around the Pillars in the True Accountability process?
 - This has been put on hold for this year due to COVID related focus

III. Principal's Report

- Focus has been on COVID and preparing for opening of school
 - At the time of the meeting it was announced that school would be returning to full 5 days beginning September 8th for CPS and CES. Other schools begin in the two weeks following.
 - The Hybrid process was very helpful in getting started into school and learning about best practices to keep the potential of transmissions low. It was hard on kids, parents and teachers to do this but was the best way to begin.
 - Only had 1 reported case of a Student having COVID in the school. There is a detailed process in place for being able to trace who was in contact with a student when that occurs. Even with not having masks be mandatory it is believed that about 98% of students are wearing these.
 - A new space was built out for the Nurse to be able to have an area for quarantine to handle cases.
 - The policies for absenteeism have been adjusted for this year due to COVID. No awards this year for attendance. Special coding for those that are out due to this.
 - If a student is out of school due to COVID or quarantining because of a contact to someone they are able to have someone come to the school to get their school work.
- Cartersville Virtual Academy (CVA)
 - There are 6 classes with a total of 157 students in this program
 - Difference in how the City program works vs the County. County has the teacher doing both in the classroom and virtual so they can move kids back and forth from the environments. The City program you had to commit to a semester up front and it is a dedicated teacher so cannot move in and out. Has been some confusion with some parents on this even though strongly communicated up front.
 - The program is working well but still a building project. It was two years ahead of when it was originally supposed to launch.
- School still has about the same number of students that it had last year (approx 960)
- After School clubs are on hold for the 1st 9 weeks and will be reviewed to decide path forward.

IV. New Business

- MAPP Testing. It was brought up by Jessica that there was confusion with Parents and Students on this new testing program. Melissa gave some summary points around it but will get a communication sent out to parents to better describe it:
 - Decided to use this as a better way to test kids more consistently from K-12
 - Intended to help teachers better understand the differences in the levels of the kids and how to teach them.
 - This is replacing the Milestone Testing for at least this year.
 - The tests are designed around a range of grades like 2nd-5th grade all take the same test so there will be items that kids do not know.
 - The students have taken the 1st part and there will be a 2nd part.
- We agreed to keep the same officers as last year:
 - Ben Hamrick as Chair and David Bentley as Secretary

V. Open Discussion

- The playground equipment was delayed due to the end of year interruptions and it will get back on track to get installed.

VI. Meeting Dates - Will follow pattern of 4th Monday of each Month

- Sep 28th
- Oct 26th
- Nov 30th - 4th Monday is during Thanksgiving, move out 1 week
- Skip December Meeting due to Christmas Break
- Jan 25th
- Feb 22nd
- March 22nd
- April 26th
- May 24th

Our Vision:

“A Tradition of Excellence – Making It Personal”

Our Mission: A Tradition . . .

In preparing students for the challenges of progress and change through development of the skills necessary to become lifelong learners in order that they may live successful and productive lives.