

CES School Governance Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 23, 2019

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I. Welcome

- Ben Hamrick, 2019-20 Chair
- Members Present: Melissa Bates (Principal), Becky Bryant (Asst. Principal), Jessica Mitcham (Parent Rep), David Bentley (Parent Rep), Jamie Chandler (Parent Rep), Bobby Walker (Business Rep), Ben Hamrick (Business Rep), Nan Adsit (Teacher Rep), Linda Kirkland (Teacher Rep)
- Minutes from the last meeting were presented and approved.

II. Old Business

- Update on First Lego League. The material has arrived and Sarah Daniell will begin teaching the curriculum the first week of October. All Challenge students in grades 3-5 will be part of this.
- Gift Wrap Fundraiser. The amount of total sales was not known but it is thought it will be able to cover the planned expenditure for shade and new equipment for the playground. The estimated cost of this is \$15,000.
- First Progress report went out and Ben asked if the school has heard any feedback. Main thing is that some of the parents of newer students in 3rd grade were not aware of the switch to letter grades.
- Question asked about the planned use of the State money for Security. Principal Bates still wants to use the funds to improve the blind spots in the camera system near the front of the school and fix the places where there are gaps in the fence surrounding the school playground. Dr. Feuerbach will be making the final decision on the request for this.

III. Principal's Report

- APPT: Academic Parent Teacher Teams is a new program that has launched for this school year. The first session is the evening of October 3rd. One part of this first program will focus on helping parents to understand the ways the school is teaching math and how parents can help their students. The intent is for this to be just for parents but the school is making provisions for those that have to bring their students.
- The school plans to again do a fundraiser for the March of Dimes. In past years this has been very successful and had high participation from students. The fundraising activities are generally low cost to ensure the maximum amount of the donation goes to the cause.
- True Accountability is a new program that Cartersville School System will be piloting as one of 9 Districts in the State to be a part. A presentation was made recently by Marc Feuerbach in a forum called Community Conversation to cover the concepts of

the program to about 150 members of the community. Part of this was to get feedback on the opportunities that the community felt were important for the school system to address. The administration is just beginning to go through these 7 pillars of the program to determine which ones they will focus on this first year.

IV. New Business

- Ben gave some feedback on the Georgia Milestone results that recently went out in the mail saying there was some confusion in how to interpret them. Becky shared with the group that there is some help on this in the website listed with the scores. Also reminded the group that preliminary scores are given verbally near the end of the school year to parents.
- Dr. Feuerbach will be attending our meeting on December 2nd.
- The team needed to nominate two of our parent or business representatives to be a part of the System Council Advisory Panel. This is made up of representatives from all of the schools councils and led by Dr. Feuerbach and they meet a couple times a year. Ben Hamrick and Jamie Chandler will be our representatives to the group.
- The team was asked to bring ideas for what this council wanted to accomplish this year. Below are some of the ideas that were brought up:
 - Continue the push to moving to the Semester schedule.
 - Safety Items: Fixing the Fence, Resource Officer, Improved Camera views.
 - It was suggested by Jamie that we do a survey of the parents to gather ideas on what they think are the top areas of improvement for the school. We think this survey could be tied into the Pillars that come out of the True Accountability program. We decided we would put this survey together when it is determined which Pillars the system wants to focus on. Melissa will send the team a copy of the Pillars and keep us updated on when it is decided which items we will focus on.

V. Remaining Meeting Dates for 2019-20

October 28, 2019

**December 2, 2019

January 27, 2020

February 24, 2020

March 23, 2020

April 27, 2020