

CES School Governance Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 26, 2019

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I. Welcome

- Jessica Mitcham, 2018-19 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),
- Not Present: Linda Kirkland (Teacher Rep)
- The new members to the group this year are David and Jamie.

II. Old Business

- Having a devoted school resource officer has been a topic from last year. Currently CES shares this with CPS and it comes from a pool of City Police Officers and has been one of up to 10 different people. The administration of the school would like to have 1 dedicated officer similar to CHS and CMS and then 1 additional person that could be from a pool. Having 2 shared between CES and CPS would help with having a consistent person that students and teachers are familiar with and would help with traffic flow in the mornings/afternoons. The cost of these officers is shared between the City and the School Board. Melissa continues to work with Marc Feuerbach on this request.

III. Principal's Report

- Beginning of school year, enrollment. School year is starting off well. Enrollment was planned for 945 and is now at 986. Last year was at 930. There are no empty classrooms. It was decided by the school administration not to add another section to reduce the per classroom counts. The disruption it causes for all the classes is not worth the change.
- APPT: Academic Parent Teacher Teams is a new program that has launched for this school year. This is intended to replace the required one-on-one parent-teacher conferences. This program will be more "data driven" with the teachers providing the parents with data on where their child is performing compared to peers and setting Smart Goals for improvement. There will be 3 sessions offered during the year (Oct, Jan, Mar) and if parents want one-on-one they can schedule that. Other schools that have gone to this program have experienced about 65% attendance rate. If the parents do not attend there will be efforts made to get the material home other ways.
- APPT is part of the School Improvement Plan for 19-20 along with a focus on "Closing the Gaps" on the EOG % scores between Black Students and All Students.

In the last year there was a gap of 30 points between these two groups. Focused efforts are outlined in the Equity Plan for how to begin to close these gaps.

- Semester Grading will not be implemented for the 19-20 school year. The back office system changes that are needed are not ready. There is high benefit to moving to this from a quarter system. The 1st and 4th quarters are always a challenge to get enough grades that really reflect the students performance and a bad 1st quarter is hard to recover from. The semester grading program will put more emphasis on building a good teaching plan instead of the grading schedule driving the plan.
- True Accountability is a new program that Cartersville School System will be piloting. This program is designed to look at more than just scores to determine the performance of a child. More to come on this as the year progresses.
- The State of GA passed a law recently that gives each school \$30,000 to spend for "Security". This money is intended for equipment and not supposed to be used for personnel like the resource officers, but school administrators are going back to the State to get more clarity. CES plans to spend some of this money on new cameras that will show more of the "blind spots" and for fencing improvements around the playground area.

IV. New Business

- Election of 2019-20 officers for the CES SGC: Ben Hamric was unanimously elected as the President for 2019-20 and David Bentley volunteered to be the Secretary.
- The meeting times for the SGC are listed below and agreed to by the team.
- David gave an overview of the FIRST Lego League Jr robotics program that will be starting at CES this year. Sarah Daniell will be running this program out of the Challenge classes for all grades. The plan is to have a 6 week program and they will use one hour per week to teach this. Sarah has laid out a plan for how all the classes will get to go through this during the year. The plan is also to have CHS students from the robotics team come and serve as Mentors during these sessions. Having CES start this will mean that all schools (CPS, CES, CMS, CHS) will have robotics programs this year.
- School Gift Wrap sale sponsored by the PTC will begin at the end of this week. Proceeds from this will partially be used to add more shade to the playground equipment.

V. Meeting Dates for 2019-20

September 23, 2019

October 28, 2019

**December 2, 2019

January 27, 2020

February 24, 2020

March 23, 2020

April 27, 2020