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# Board Agenda

Saturday, August 27, 2022, 9:00am

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Review minutes from the previous meeting on Saturday, June 18, 2022

IV. NLAE Mission

V. Introduction of Board Members

VI. School Updates

- Meet Your Teacher - August 1, 2022
- First Days of School
  - August 3, 2022: Kindergarten, 1st, & 6th in-person, all others virtual
  - August 4, 2022: In-person all grades
- 6th Grade Blazer Ceremony - August 19, 2022
- Curriculum Nights
  - August 22, 2022: K - 3rd grade
  - August 23, 2022: 4th - 8th grade
    - two (2) sessions per night, split by last name
    - A - L: 5:30 - 6:15pm
    - M - Z: 6:15 - 7:00pm

VII. Enrollment

- Current Enrollment 2022-23: 572
- Waitlist 2022-23

VIII. School Nutrition Program

- Due to the expiration of the nationwide USDA waiver, we have returned to the traditional meal program.
- Food service provider: Simply Elegant and More Catering
- Free and Reduced Lunch Program
  - 30% FRL application rate
  - 45% Free/Reduced Lunch students
  - 23% of students are Direct Certified
  - Increasing Free/Reduced Lunch program participation with notifying families that submitting applications helps the school, even if their child does not buy a lunch



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### IX. Academic, Curriculum, & Instruction Updates

- Fountas & Pinnell LLI
- Accelerated Math (6th & 7th Grade)
- 8th Grade Algebra EOG
- Advanced Algebra I (8th Grade), Gwinnett Online Campus
- Rosetta Stone
- IXL
- McGraw Hill - ConnectED - ELA, Math, & Science
- Gallopade - Social Studies. K, 1st, 3rd-8th Grade
- Teachers Pay Teachers site license

### X. PBIS/Student Discipline

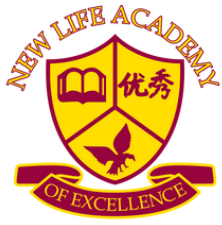
- Eagle Eye tickets for students
- Golden Eye tickets for staff
- Focus on PBIS in the classroom

### XI. Testing Updates

- Testing Administration training during Summer Instructional Institute
- IOWA testing for gifted only
- CogAT Testing for gifted only
  - Aug/Sep/Oct Assessment Windows/Dates
    - PSAT: Oct 25, 2022
    - I-Ready Universal Screener: Aug. 23 - 26, 2022
    - DIBELS 8: Aug 29 - Sep 15, 2022
- Common Formative Assessments

### XII. Employee Services

- Teacher/Staff Retention
- GTES planning phase
- Orientation and Self-Assessment
- Pre-Evaluation Conferences
- Summer Instructional Institute: July 25 - 29, 2022
  - "Ignite Your S.H.I.N.E." - Dr. Cathy Trimble
  - Galapade Curriculum Training - Dr. Nancy Hall
  - GCPS Blueprint for the Future - Dr. Calvin Watts, *GCPS Superintendent*
  - "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" - Ms. Tia McIntosh, *FranklinCovey, author Stephen Covey*
  - Guided Math Session - Mrs.. Valencia Thorton, *C.R.A.M. Academy*
  - Fountas & Pinnell Assessment Training - NLAE teacher-led
    - Ms. Amanda Moore, *2nd Grade Teacher*
    - Ms. Lindsay Clarke, *Kindergarten Teacher*
    - Mrs. Shemica Cross, *Kindergarten Lead Teacher*
    - Mrs. Veneisha Davis-Pearson, *1st Grade Teacher*
    - Ms. Rebekah Griffin, *4th Grade Teacher*



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- I-Ready Training - Ms. Nia Buchanan, I-Ready consultant
- Instructional Strategies that Maximize Student Achievement and Growth - Ms. Dionne Howard, Educational Consultant
- Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)
  - Mrs. Priya Patel, *School Psychologist*
  - Ms. Leslie Butcher, *Speech and Language Specialist*
  - Mrs. Martha Wheeler-Fair, *Educational Specialist, Assist. Director*
- General Compliance Training

### XIII. COVID-19 Updates

### XIV. Technology

- Chromebooks
  - Grades 1 - 8: 1:1 ratio
  - Kindergarten: In progress
  - Need: 60 additional Chromebooks
- Interactive Whiteboards
  - Need additional whiteboards
- SWCC
  - Purchased 60 Chromebooks
  - 4 Interactive Whiteboards

### XV. Facilities, Safety, and Security Update

- General Maintenance
- Modular Units
- Electrical

### XVI. Charter Renewal

- Intent to renew

### XVII. Financial Update

- Financial Report

### XVIII. Future Meeting Dates

- Next Meeting: September 17, 2022, 9:00am

### XIX. Adjournment