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Board Agenda

Saturday, August 26, 2023, 9:00 am

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Review minutes from the previous meeting on Saturday, June 17, 2023

IV. NLAE Mission

V. Introduction of Board Members

VI. School Updates

- Open House: July 31, 2023
- First Day of School: August 2, 2023
- 6th Grade Blazer Ceremony: August 17, 2023
- Curriculum Night: August 21 & 22, 2023
- The School Wide Community Council (SWCC) has scheduled the following activities for SY 2023-24
 - SWCC Parent Community Meeting: August 21 & 22, 2023
 - Spirit Night: Zaxbys - Sept. 14, 2023, 3:30 - 7:30pm
 - International Night: October 20, 2023, 6:30 - 8:30pm
 - Holiday Shop: November 27, 2023 - December 1, 2023
 - Virtual Parent Community Meeting: December 7, 2023
 - Middle School Dance: April 26, 2024, 6:00-8:00pm
 - Teacher Appreciation: May 6-10, 2024
 - Parent Community Info Blast: May 16, 2024

VII. Enrollment

- Current Enrollment 2023-2024: 615
- Waitlist 2023-2024

VIII. School Nutrition Program

- FSMC Formal Termination of Contract - August 13, 2023
- Transfer to next highest scoring RFP: Simply Elegant and More
 - Contract start date: August 17, 2023
 - Start of service: Monday, August 21, 2023
 - Approval of contract needed
- Emergency Purchases made to serve students during the week of August 14 - 18, 2023
 - Purchases made through School Nutrition Department
- Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) Eligibility Data
 - 72% Application rate
 - 47% Direct Certified Students (291 Students)
 - 66.9% Total Free/Reduced Lunch (52.1% SY 22-23)
- GaDOE will pay all reduced-lunch fees (\$0.40) for SY 23-24
- School Nutrition Program Funds allocation
 - School Nutrition Manager
 - Program & Communications Administrator allocates 60% of duties towards Nutrition Program



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IX. PBIS/Student Discipline

- Eagle Eye tickets for students
- Golden Eagle Eye tickets for staff
- Focus on PBIS in classroom
- Event: Ice Cream Social

X. Testing Update

- Testing Administration training during Summer Instructional Institute
- Georgia Milestone Assessment (GMAS)
- IOWA and CogAT testing for gifted only
- iReady data comparison, Pre/Post SY 22-23
- Assessment Windows/Dates
 - iReady
 - 8/14/23 - 9/1/23
 - 1/4/23 - 1/31/24
 - 4/15/24 - 5/22/24
 - District Assessments (Gr. 1 - 8):
 - 10/2/23 - 10/20/23
 - 12/4/23 - 12/15/23
 - 3/4/24 - 3/19/24
 - 5/6/24 - 5/22/24
 - EES Student Wellbeing Screener (gr. 6-8): 9/5/23 - 9/15/23
 - PSAT (8th only): 10/25/23

XI. Employee Services

- Teacher/Staff Retention
- GTES planning phase
- Orientation and Self-Assessment
- Pre-Evaluation Conferences
- Summer Instructional Institute: July 24 - 28, 2023
 - Effective Communication and Time Management Sessions - Dr. Mattrell Eaddy-Sturkey, Senior Consultant, New Mind Solutions
 - McGraw Hill: Reveal Math Curriculum Training - Ms. Jennifer Cook
 - "Ignite your S.H.I.N.E." - Ms. Lavonna Roth
 - EL Education Curriculum Training - Ms. Amanda Smith and Ms. Anna Salone
 - Gallopades Curriculum Training - Ms. Nancy Hall
 - iReady: Next Level - Ms. Nia Buchanan
 - General Compliance Training

XII. Technology

- 200 Chromebooks *Purchased*
- 10 Interactive Whiteboards *Purchased*
- SWCC Donated \$15,000 towards purchase of Interactive Whiteboards and Playground Equipment



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XIII. Facilities, Safety, Security Updates

- General Maintenance
- GCPS approved new Middle School Facility, June 2023
- NLAE purchase of new facility on July 5, 2023
- New facility currently being renovated to open in January 2024
- Mandatory Drills
 - Fire Drills
 - August 8, 2023 (first 10 days of school)
 - August 23, 2023 (first 30 days of school)
 - Hard Lockdown
 - August 23, 2023
 - Severe Weather
 - August 8, 2023
- Implementation of Centegix Security Badge system
 - Administration Training - July 18, 2023
 - Staff Training - August 8, 2023
- NLAE Safety and Security
- GCPS Safety and Security

XIV. Financial Update

- Financial Report
- Annual Audit completed

XV. Future Meeting Dates

- Next meeting: September 16, 2023, 9:00am

XVI. Adjournment

XVII. Tour of new facility