

Gadsden Elementary School Council | MINUTES

Meeting date | time **4/5/2017 12:00 PM** | Meeting location **Gadsden Elementary Media Center**

Attendees: (List Name)

Chairperson	Ms. Demetria Washington
Principal	Dr. Deborah Jones
Teachers	Ms. Kim Bell, Ms. Vanessa Horry
Parents	Ms. Quadeira Sadler, Ms. Demetria Washington
Business/Community Partners	Adrian Griffin (Thankful Baptist representative)

Guest and others attending

Ms. P. Baker's Class	
Ms. Inez Eady-Parent Facilitator	

AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	DISCUSSION and Summary*
Opening: Pledge Allegiance/Inspiration	<p>The pledge of allegiance was recited at this time.</p> <p>The meeting began with a poem shared as inspiration</p>
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	The minutes were approved by Ms. Bell and seconded by Mrs. Horry
OLD BUSINESS:	
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jones shared that one of our amazing business partners, Ms. Gail Terrell, telephoned with regrets that she would not be in attendance due to weather related job responsibilities. • The Georgia Department of Education has identified Gadsden as a "Beating the Odds School." • GMAS-Dr. Jones explained that GMAS was in full gear. Students will be taking the GMAS April 3-11 • SRI & MAP- Students will be taking SRI and MAP April 17-May 5 • 4th 9 Weeks- Dr. Jones explained that we are currently in the 4th nine weeks of school. • Report Cards- Report Cards were issued March 16th • GMAS E-93 Pep Rally-Dr. Jones discussed the pep rally that was sponsored by the radio station E 93 and Americare. Students in grades 3-5 attended. • PTA Meeting and Parent Testing Information Sessions-PTA and parent academies have been schedule for April. These parent academies will be presented by the lower grades and test taking skills will be provided.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flex & Intercession- Students are still participating in flex and intercession groups. Dr. Jones explained that this is instruction above and beyond the regular school day. • GMAS/SRI/MAP Camp 9-12 Saturdays- Students participated in GMAS, SRI, and MAP camp on specific dates. Saturday April 1st was the last Saturday for camp. • Gadsden’s Student Leaders Luncheon- Six of Gadsden’s student leaders will attend a luncheon on May 3rd sponsored by the Southside Optimist Club’s Local Leaders. Students will be escorted by Mrs. Wall and Ms. Holman. • 5th Grade Bridging Ceremony- The 5th grade bridging ceremony will take place May 19th at 10am. • Summer School will be held June 5th-30th. Students will attend 8:30am-12:30pm Monday through Thursday. Teachers will work May 31st-June 30th. Their hours are 8:00am-1:00pm. • Butler Elementary students will also attend summer school at Gadsden. • Dr. Jones extended a special thank you to Savannah International Trade and Convention Center for providing water and snacks to our students during testing. 		
OTHER REPORTS:			
NEW BUSINESS:			
SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:	Ms. Patty Baker’s class presented to the council.		
UPCOMING EVENTS:	21 st Century will have their summer program at Gadsden. Students will attend Monday-Friday.		
Other:			
NEXT MEETING DATE:		ADJOURNED:	1:00pm

*Attached additional information to any agenda item as necessary