

**MINUTES OF THE  
ESTHER F. GARRISON SCHOOL for the ARTS  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**04/30/2018**

The Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts School Council met in a regular meeting on 04/30/2018 at 5:00 PM.

The meeting was held at Esther F. Garrison School for the Arts, Conference Room, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

School Council Members present:

James Heater  
Charles Brazil  
Sarah Ward  
Amanda Newton

Melissa Jones  
Deborah Morrell  
Stephanie Temples  
Tommy Linstroth

School Council Members Absent:

Harry Delorme  
Wanda Dixon  
Martha Mythlo  
Michael Traynor  
BJ Long

8 members were present, representing a quorum.

**1. Call to Order**

Melissa Jones called the meeting to order at 5:02PM.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Heater led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Melissa Jones distributed the agenda posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the school council approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION: Sarah Ward; SECOND: Tommy Linstroth

VOTE: ( X ) Yes ( ) No

#### **4. Approval of Minutes**

Melissa Jones presented the minutes from the October meeting for approval. Moved, seconded, and carried that the school council approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION: Charles Brazil ; SECOND: Sarah Ward

VOTE: ( X ) Yes ( ) No

#### **5. Report of the Principal**

- MAP Assessment Data

Mr. Heater reported the MAP Assessment Data for BOY (Beginning of Year) to MOY (Middle of year Growth).

For grades 3-5 combined, the school level percentage of Garrison students projected to earn a Lexile score at/ above the CCRPI criteria is 50% or more (along with J.G. Smith, Howard, and Ellis.)

For grades 6-8, the school level percentage of Garrison students projected to earn a Lexile score at/ above the CCRPI criterion is 50% or more (along with Ellis, Coastal, and STEM).

For grades 3-5 combined, the projected GMAS Math Content Mastery scores for Garrison are 70 or more (along with Heard, Howard, J.G. Smith, Marshpoint, Ellis, and Georgetown).

For grades 6-8 combined, the projected GMAS Math Content Mastery scores for Garrison are 70 or more (along with STEM).

#### **6. Old Business**

- Anti-Bullying/ Social Media

Mr. Heater reported that after the discussion at the brown bag lunch, our discussion in the last meeting and concerns about social media/bullying in schools recently, they have put together a presentation for parents and students. There will be a parent presentation at the August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 PTA meeting and then the next day at school there will be a student presentation. This presentation is regarding social media, kindness, and bullying.

#### **7. New Business**

- Safety Issues

Mr. Heater reported that we are 1 of 15 schools selected to be part of a pilot program and receive a Safety Security Aid. Our new Safety

Security Aid is Ms. Beverly Hicks. She will be stationed in the lobby from 8:00am-4:00pm. She will meet and greet visitors as they enter the building, require all guests to go through the metal detectors upon entry, and handle any security issues that arise throughout the day.

- 2018/2019 School Calendar

Mr. Heater presented and the council reviewed the tentative school calendar for next school year.

Notable-Open house is tentatively scheduled for July 31, 2018.

- 2018/2019 School Council Meeting Dates

Mr Heater presented and the council reviewed the following tentative council meeting dates for next school year. This would bring the total number of meetings scheduled for next school year to 7.

MONTH	DATE	TIME	PLACE OF MEETING
August	8/27/2018	5:00 PM	Garrison Conference Room
September	9/24/2018	5:00 PM	Garrison Conference Room
October	10/29/2018	5:00 PM	Garrison Conference Room
November	N/A	N/A	N/A
December	N/A	N/A	N/A
January	1/28/2019	5:00 PM	Garrison Conference Room
February	2/25/2019	5:00 PM	Garrison Conference Room
March	N/A	N/A	N/A
April	4/29/2019	5:00 PM	Garrison Conference Room
May	5/20/2019	TBA	TBA
June	No Meeting	N/A	N/A
July	No Meeting	N/A	N/A

- 2018/2019 Teacher Representatives

Mr. Heater states that this is Debra Morrell's last year on the school council. We will be looking for a new teacher representative. Mr. Heater will let the faculty know that we are in need of a teacher representative and they can be nominated and then the teachers will vote on who their representative will be.

- 2018/2019 Dress Code

Mr. Heater presented and the council reviewed the tentative dress code for next school year. There have been no changes made at this time.

- 2018/2019 Electronic Device Policy

Mr Heater presented the and the council reviewed the tentative electronic device policy for the new school year. At this time there are no changes from this year. Mr. Heater asked that everyone please review and let him know of any changes and/ or ideas that we may have.

- 2018/2019 Tardy/Early Release Policy

Mr. Heater presented and the council reviewed the tentative policy. At this time there have been no changes made from this years policy.

- 2018/2019 Late Work Policy

Mr. Heater presented and the council reviewed a rough draft of ideas for a new consistent policy regarding late work. This is to hold students accountable, but give them a chance to get credit for work that was late for some reason. This will also standardize the rules teachers go by and make them the same across the board leaving little room for misunderstanding and allowing students/parents/teachers to know what is expected of them before a problem arises.

## **8. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the school council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM

MOTION: Charles Brazil      SECOND: Tommy Linstroth

VOTE: ( X ) Yes ( ) No

The next meeting of the Esther F Garrison SVPA School Council will be held on May 21, 2018 at 8am at Sunrise Restaurant, 1 Southern Oaks Drive #300, Savannah, GA 31405.

Submitted by:

Amanda Newton  
Secretary