



The May 11, 2017 School Council Meeting for Haven Elementary School was called to order at 4:05 pm in the Media Center by Mrs. Young, Council Vice-Chair

Members in attendance were: Parent Representative: Ms. Leslie Stevens Teacher Representatives: Ms. Tanika Johnson and Ms. Susan Allen, Business Partner: Ms. Stephanie Johnson – SunTrust Bank, and Principal: Ms. Dionne Young.

Meeting materials were disbursed as members arrived.

Mrs. Young opened the meeting and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was reviewed and Stephanie Johnson, council secretary, shared a quote from Magic Johnson.

- “All kids need is a little help, a little hope and somebody who believes in them.”

The minutes, which were sent prior to the meeting via email, were reviewed and approved as written.

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Young for the Principal’s Report.

Principal’s Report

- **GMAS Testing**
 - A worksheet containing a comparison of Haven’s Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS) performance for 2016 and 2017 (preliminary) was reviewed. Based on the data:
 - Third grade students showed an increase on the English/Language Arts (ELA) test, but a decrease on the math test.
 - Fourth grade students showed significant gains on both the ELA and math tests.
 - Third and fourth grade students were not required to take the Science (SCI) and Social Studies (SS) tests in 2017.
 - Although fifth grade students showed a vast improvement on the math section of the test, scores fell in the areas of ELA, SCI, and SS.
 - Retesting will be conducted Monday, May 15th – Wednesday, May 17th.
 - “Level 1” third grade students will only retest in ELA
 - “Level 1” fifth grade students will have retests in ELA and math.
- The final GMAS scores should be available around the first part of June. Mrs. Young expressed hope that the students’ test scores would rise to “Level 2” and thereby garner additional points on the school’s College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI).
- **2017-2018 Goals**
 - Mrs. Young asked the group for input regarding goals the council would like to recommend for the upcoming school year. Mrs. Young stated that members of the PTA had submitted suggestions and the council cited that it would like to see more parental involvement with the council and business partner involvement. Mrs. Young expressed her hope that the new facility will create an inviting and engaging environment for students, parents, staff, and community.
- **Student Recognition**
 - Two of Haven’s students were 1st Place district winners in poetry. The students’ poems will be published in a nationally issued book and the school will purchase copies for each student to have as a keepsake.
- **Construction Update**
 - If construction stays on schedule, move in to the new school should occur around the end of July.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

- May 17th Award Ceremonies for all grade levels except 3rd and 5th grade
- May 18th Award Ceremonies – 3rd and 5th grades
- May 19th LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- May 25th Teachers' last day of school

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Young at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie M. Johnson

Stephanie M. Johnson, School Council Secretary