

Shuman School Council meeting

April 11, 2017

Members in attendance:

Mrs. Jenkins (Principal)

Mrs. Owens (Academic Coach)

Mr. Datts (Parent & School Council President)

Ms. Tanya Futch (Community partner - Golden Age Center)

Ms. N. Hunter (parent)

Ms. Laura Rogers (Community partner - Whole Foods)

I. Call to Order

- Mr. Datts introduced himself, as did the rest of the members.
- He then called the meeting to order at 9:22am.

II. Inspiration

- Mr. Datts asked that Mrs. Jenkins read the inspirational poem "I Teach Because."

III. Old Business

- Mr. Datts asked for old business to be reviewed.
- Mrs. Owens read through the minutes from the previous school council meeting to review the old business.
- Mrs. Jenkins reviewed that our CCRPI score needs to be at 60, have been making progress the last two years. Our school is a work in progress.
- Both parents added that some of our kids are sensitive to hearing how the school is labeled at times.
- Students are currently finishing the GMAS.
 - ✓ 3rd & 4th grade took the reading & math tests
 - ✓ 5th grade took reading, math, science & social studies tests
- Had 7 COWs that were purchased to assist with online administration
- Mrs. Jenkins mentioned that some students were absent and she called to ensure they would come to makeup the tests.
- Staff felt that students were giving effort, hopefully that will reflect in our scores.
- Mrs. Jenkins added that Mrs. Owens modeled lessons for 3rd-5th teachers showing how to do writing responses.
- Career Fair ideas

- ✓ Mrs. Jenkins decided that after testing we will look at this. She reminded everyone that we are still going to be retesting for SRI, MAP & GMAS.
- ✓ 5th grade bridging ceremony will be the last day of school.
- ✓ Whole Foods can help with Career Fair.
- ✓ Ms. Futch asked if all accounts for 100 Black Men were in place already; she would like to sponsor 2 boys. Mrs. Jenkins and Mr. Datts both agreed that they will donate to ensure all boys have an account.
- ✓ Mr. Datts shared that some accounts were started, but not all. He will follow up with Ms. Dudley.

IV. New Business

- Mr. Datts asked for any new business to be discussed.
- Mrs. Jenkins shared that there will be renovations done to the front office over the summer.
- Summer school
 - ✓ Summer school will be held here this year. East Broad students will be coming here for summer school.
 - ✓ 21st Century & Alternative programs will also be here during the summer.
- Tutorial Program
 - ✓ We had a tutorial program that started before testing, for 3 days a week to work on reading & math.
 - ✓ Ms. Hunter voiced her concern of not having the transportation to be able to allow her daughter to participate in tutorial.
 - ✓ Mrs. Jenkins shared that she has been buying snacks for the program.
 - ✓ Ms. Rogers added that Whole Foods could donate some snacks & water for it as well.
- Girl Scouts
 - ✓ Everyone agreed that there needs to be a separate program in place for the girls, as there is 100 Black Men for the boys.
 - ✓ Girl Scouts would be great, and the old troupe leader would probably be willing to help train someone.

- ✓ We need to ask for women to get involved, possibly a sorority, or the Junior League.
- Whole Foods
 - ✓ Shared their Easter menu & April calendar with us.
 - ✓ We are going to include some of their events on our monthly newsletter to send home.
 - ✓ Whole Foods will also have a summer camp (1 day, every other week). They've partnered with organizations like the library, Savannah Children's Museum & the Ogeechee River Keepers.

V. Support Strategies

- Mr. Datts asked about any strategies that Shuman is using to support children who are still struggling.
- Students who are Below Basic & Basic will be retaking the SRI & MAP tests.
- Promotion/Retention is different this year. There will be more than just one factor (test score) to determine promotion. For example, conduct grades, attendance, academic growth throughout year, etc. will be taken into consideration.
- Students will attend summer school if they have failed a content area, or did not make Basic (these children will be recommended for summer school for remediation purposes).
- Parent Content Informational Evenings
 - ✓ Mrs. Owens shared the ideas that teachers have been discussing regarding parents not knowing about some of the activities they're asked to do with children at home.
 - ✓ Next year we would like to have several evenings throughout the year where parents come and learn about what is required for students, and learn how to help them. (for example, show them how to measure ORF, practice math facts, etc.)
 - ✓ Mrs. Jenkins asked for us to put it on the calendar for next year, to ensure that we execute this plan.
 - ✓ Mrs. Dudley can help us out with reaching out to parents for this. Mrs. Owens will meet with her.
 - ✓ Mr. Datts reinforced that he believed this was a great idea that needs to be put into action.

VI. Closure

- Mr. Datts asked if there was any other business that needed to be brought forth at this time.
- With no further business to discuss, Mr. Datts closed the meeting at 9:49 am.
- Next meeting: May 11th at 9:15 am.