

**Minutes of the Shuman Elementary School
School Council Meeting**

November 21, 2016

The Shuman Elementary School Council met in a regular scheduled meeting on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 9:30am.

The meeting was held at Shuman Elementary, Conference Room, Savannah, Georgia 31404

School Council Members present:

Sylvia Jenkins – Principal
Kelli Owens – Secretary/Academic Coach
Tanya Futch – Business Partner (Golden Age Center)
Jamie Jenner – Title 1 Teacher

School Council Members not present:

Mr. Datts – President

Four members were present, meeting the number required for a quorum.

1. Call to Order

- Mrs. Jenkins called the meeting to order at 9:30am; members introduced themselves.
- Mrs. Jenkins distributed the agenda.
- Mrs. Owens reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting on September 22, 2016. Moved, seconded, and carried that the school council approve the minutes from 9/22/16 as presented.
MOTION: Mrs. Jenkins; SECOND: Ms. Jenner
VOTE: (X) Yes () No
- Mrs. Jenkins discussed the possibility of walking over to the Golden Age Center to thank them, and to meet with Ms. Futch.

2. Inspiration

Mrs. Jenner read the poem entitled “Be Thankful.”

3. Old Business

- CCRPI scores are being released in early December, and Shuman made gains on progress points and the achievement gap.
- As a focus school, we are making gains. Ms. Jenkins reviewed the criteria for being a focus school.
- We are not making as much progress on our achievement as we want, for various reasons, including attendance.
- The attendance committee meets weekly. We need to focus on students who are tardy.

4. New Business

- Mrs. Jenkins discussed the intervention block that has been implemented this school year. It is the last 45 minutes of the day, the school is on “lockdown” during this instruction, and parents cannot sign students out during this time.
- Shuman has also followed through with implementing the policy of not allowing parents to walk to classrooms in the morning unless they have an appointment.
- Mrs. Jenkins explained that Shuman is an inner city school and has a high staff turnover. The staff must want to be here for the kids.
- Ms. Futch added that the teacher sets the tone for the class. She said that she sets the tone for the seniors at the Golden Age center. She explained that they also have individuals who can be disruptive.
- Ms. Futch then inquired about the behavior processes we have in place.
- Mrs. Jenkins explained that we have the following in place for students who are behaviorally challenging:
 1. Teacher conference
 2. Parent conference
 3. Detention
 4. Suspension (can be for doing something continuously)
- If a student is continuously having a problem, we can look at the behavior and come up with a plan; having the student and parent look at it can be helpful.
- 5th grade specifically has some teachers who are former middle school teachers, so they give more choice. Students are more talkative this year, but not as disrespectful as in the past.
- Mrs. Jenkins described the main issue is with teachers and their behavior management strategies. New teachers are observing well-managed classrooms, and Mrs. Jenkins has also arranged for one of the new teachers to have another “mentor” by a new teacher last year who has done a great turn around this year.
- Incentives for positive behavior must be creative.
- Mrs. Jenkins also explained that we give scholar dollars for good behavior, and that we have a PBIS committee that is looking to increase the frequency of celebrations.
- Shuman is also trying to start an Enrichment Club that will help to challenge students. Mrs. O’Hayer is heading that initiative.

5. What is my school’s plan for improvement?

- Academically, the CCRPI score currently is 47.6, and our goal is 70.
- GMAS practice tests need to be implemented, and Mrs. Owens will get the schedule to Mrs. Jenkins this week.
- January will begin intercession, which is when we use creative ways to create less interruption during the instructional time.
- Student behavior is not as bad or severe this year.
- Mrs. Jenkins also noted that we will be looking at the Title 1 Plan.

6. Closure

- Mrs. Jenkins asked “How can we partner with the Golden Age Center?”
- Ms. Futch replied that Ms. Moore collaborates frequently, having kids go and sing.

- Ms. Jenner mentioned that we could use the seniors as almost “2nd grandparents” to some of the students and develop relationships between the students and seniors.
 - Mrs. Jenkins noted that we should have given them an invitation to our Thanksgiving Feast.
 - Ms. Futch said that the center did receive an invite to the Veteran’s Day Program.
 - With no further business to come before the school council, the meeting was adjourned.
- MOTION: Mrs. Jenkins; SECOND: Mrs. Owens
VOTE: (X) Yes () No

The next meeting of the Shuman Elementary School Council will be held on Thursday, January 19th, 2016 at 9:15am in the Shuman Conference Room.

Submitted by:

Kelli Owens
Secretary/Academic Coach