

## School Council Meeting

August 30, 2019

### Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 9:34 AM

Dr. Jordan welcomed members to the meeting.

Laurie Paul read the agenda. Dr. Nyeste made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Mrs. Paul seconded the motion. Agenda was accepted.

Laurie Paul read the minutes from previous meeting. Dr. Nyeste made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mrs. Paul seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted.

Dr. Nyeste brought her principal report which included:

Smooth start to the new year. Each grade level has an administrator and a grade level lead teacher. Dr. Nyeste's goal is to build leadership opportunities for her administration and for teachers that have an interest in moving into administrative roles. This works in tandem with the Superintendent's goal of building leadership within the district. Mrs. Paul reported that it has been very well received among the staff and students. Administrators are much more visible.

The LMMS Foundation is very excited to bring STEM/STEAM certification to LMMS. All feeder schools are STEM certified and want us to be certified as well. There is funding available to take teachers willing to include STEM activities and lessons to conferences and travel to STEM schools to see lessons in action. We will provide support through Linda Guillory to help teachers model the lessons for our students.

Save Our Kids presentation last night at Allatoona High School on the dangers of social media for our students. LMMS policy on cell phones this year: Students may bring a phone/electronic device to school, but it must be turned off and stored in the child's locker. Effects of social media on middle aged student is causing stress, anxiety, suicide ideology, and the need to reach perfectionism. We will address these issues through Hot Topics and Coffee Talk.

### New Business

No new developments

Continuation of conversation on how to reduce stressors.

Taking away cell phones at school

Hot Topics and Coffee Talk topics should include:

Lawnmower Parents

Social Media/Technology – depletion of student soft skills

Capturing Kids Hearts – Too expensive. \$35,000. To train the staff. Instead, we will drop some of the ideas into our daily practice; greet students at the door, make every child feel loved and a member of your class, communicate with parents for positive behaviors.

Reality – U will be run through Career Day for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. PTSA will cover the \$7 per student cost.

Safe Schools Student Survey results. Share with next committee meeting.

Milestone data not available yet.

Adjournment 10:21