

Minutes of the Lost Mountain Middle School Council Meeting

The Lost Mountain School Council met in regular session on **February 28, 2019**.

At 9:37 AM the meeting was held at Lost Mountain Middle School in the Front Office Conference Room.

School Council Members present:

Dr. Lenora Nyeste, Principal
Heather Holder, Teacher
Alison Fridborg, Teacher
Michelle Thrash, Teacher
Tracy Fields, Counselor
Valerie Wombles, Counselor
Laurie Paul, Parent and Teacher
Shannon Kiger, Parent and Assistant Principal
Heidi Smith, Parent
Dr. Jennifer Jordan, Parent and Business Member
Chip Paul, Parent and Business Member

School Council Members absent:

Kim Scott, Parent
Kate Perkins, Parent
11 members were present, representing a quorum.

1. Call to Order

Dr. Nyeste called the meeting to order at 9:37 AM

2. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Nyeste distributed the agenda posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.
Moved, seconded, and carried that the school council approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION: Laurie Paul SECOND: Jennifer Jordan VOTE: YES

3. Presentation to School Council

Dr. Lenora Nyeste shared the Purpose of the School Council

4. Report of Principal

Principal- Dr. Lenora Nyeste reported to the school council on Current School Initiatives.

1. Eagle Block- EOG Milestone Data for 2017-18 showed changing demographics- More students that need support on ESOL; more children with lower reading scores and lower math scores, we have more students coming in at Level 1 and 2, this requires more initiatives in place and we need to address it offensively; built out of this concern, need way to help kids and make it easier on parents to provide re-teaching, remediation, intervention, as well as enrichment and acceleration
2. Sources of Strength- Evolved from the loss of a Lost Mountain student last year; led by counselor, Valerie Wombles to be discussed by the counselor later in our meeting today

5. Counseling Program Overview Presented by Valerie Wombles

1. Counseling Programs and Responsibilities were shared
2. Counseling Needs Assessment
3. Counselors Academic Weekly Meetings with Students
4. TIPS Panel- Chronic Attendance Program
5. Small Groups with Students- Attendance, Lunch Bunch, Grief Group, Stress Busters, Decision Making
6. Classroom Lesson- Introduction to all 6th Graders, Career Cruising all grades, 8th Grade- IGP High School
7. Year Goal- Give every single student a birthday treat
8. Sources of Strength- Prevention of Suicide, Bullying and Substance Abuse; student training of how to connect students in crisis with a trusted adult; positive rock pathway; out of the darkness campus walk; sources of strength week March 18-22; currently 57 student members

6. New Business Open Forum for Questions and Concerns of Council Members

1. Teachers need more access to information- maybe monthly list of staff calendar events
2. Increase communication between grade level teachers to coordinate not just tests, but also quiz, projects, etc...
3. Milestone Dates for Calendar- Add EOG and EOC on School Calendar and Testing Schedule
4. Mrs. Kiger will upload School Council Training Video on the school website
5. Is there consideration of an Eagle Block electronic sign-up

7. Nominations of School Council Officers

Chairperson: Jennifer Jordan	Motion: Lenora Nyeste	Second: Heather Holder
Vice-Chairperson: Chip Paul	Motion: Lenora Nyeste	Second: Michelle Thrash
Secretary: Shannon Kiger	Motion: Lenora Nyeste	Second: Jennifer Jordan

*Vote: All approved by a 100% vote of school council members in attendance

8. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the school council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

The next meeting of the Lost Mountain Middle School Council will be held on **Friday, March 22, 2019 at 9:30 AM-10:30AM** at **Lost Mountain Middle** in the **Front Office Conference Room**.