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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015 @ 10:00 AM

MINUTES

Miss Clark, Parent Facilitator welcomed parents as they signed into the meeting. The meeting was started promptly at 10:00 am. Miss Clark, Parent Facilitator introduced Dr. Chatman, Principal at Glenn Hills Middle School who was in charge of the meeting as well as the speaker. His topic was the Ga. Milestone Assessment Test Results. He started off the meeting asking the school council members, "Who was not familiar with the Ga. Milestone Assessment". One Member, Dr. Thomas Clark, Business Owner and grandparent said that he had heard mention of it but was not familiar with the test that his grandson had to take last spring. Dr. Chatman went on to explain to Dr. Clark what the Ga. Milestone is. He said that the Georgia Milestones measures how well students have learned the information taught by teacher and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Students in grades 3 through 8 would take end-of-grade assessments in each content area and high school students would take end of course assessments for each of the eight courses designated by the state board of education. Dr. Chatman talked about the features of the test. He mentioned that the test would have open-ended (constructed response questions) in math and language arts for the grades being tested. He gave example of math constructed response, such as if 2+2=4. Your multiple choice answers are A) 4, B) 5, C) 6, D)7. Well if the child chose the answer 4. He/She would have to show the steps that were taken to get that answer. Dr. Chatman also talked briefly about the writing component (in response to passages read by students) at every grade level and course within the language arts assessment. He said that over the next couple of years that pencil and



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paper test would transition to online. After explaining this he went on to say that students in Richmond County did not do well on the Ga. Milestone. He said that was expected since this was the first time offered. Dr. Chatman said that with the Milestone Assessment our scores were compared with other states. He also showed a clip on the Ga. Milestone from the Georgia Department of Education that showed how Ga. Faired compared to other states. Mr. Moss another parent said that some students are not good test takers. He asked Dr. Chatman what the school system was going to do to help these students become proficient. Dr. Chatman said that the State Department of Education was sending in people to help us as Educators. Dr. Chatman said that the days of the CRCT are over. He said that this test is more rigorous. At the close of this meeting Dr. Chatman asked were there any more questions. Mrs. Abney one of our parents raised her hand and asked were all of our teachers highly qualified? Dr. Chatman's answer was yes. All of his teachers were highly qualified Meeting was adjourned with the next meeting being announced for January.