

School Council Minutes

(1st of 4 Meetings)

(November 15, 2016)

Meeting called to order @ 3:00

Introduction of Present Officers:

President/Parent: Erica Ware

Vice President: Dr. Brenda Cherokee Taylor

Secretary: Mary Tarrant

Teacher: Nadine Williams

Parent: Attondra O'Banner

Parent/Community: Eustacia Sloan (Abundant Life – Four Square Church)

Community: Laura Hearn Garner (Christian Release)

Presentation of School Improvement Plan:

Dr. Taylor presented the 2016.2017 School Improvement Plan (SIP) to the school council members. She also presented the data used by the School Improvement Committee to develop the SIP. Wilkinson Gardens as all RCSS schools are waiting for the GA DOE to release 2015.2016 CCRPI scores. According to i-Ready, for the current school year, there were only 24 students on grade level for math (6% of the school) and only 28 students were on grade level for reading (7% of the school.)

Based on our most current i-Ready diagnostic assessment and other data, our SIP and Leadership teams along with school wide consensus has agreed that improving our reading instruction should be the focus of our school improvement goals. Professional learning, updating technology, hiring a reading intervention teacher, a literacy para, and purchase Achieve 3000 will be the methods used to improve reading instruction and student achievement in reading.

As a result of our SIP initiative we are adding two new specials to our Master Schedule: Reading and Computer Literacy. The Reading position was filled by Mr. Brown, a former Paine College professor who has taught reading for over fifteen years and a computer para to assist our students with various instructional software programs and computer literacy skills. A school wide computer schedule was created to give teachers five days of one planning to ensure access to both computer labs.

We have also upgraded both computer labs with new computers and were able to purchase three new carts of 30 notebooks per cart for classroom use.

Thanksgiving Potluck:

The school staff will have their Thanksgiving Potluck on this Thursday, November 17th.

Christmas Program:

Mr. James, our Music teacher, will be conducting a Christmas Program with 192 students on December 15th. We are expecting a huge turnout.

Our next meeting dates will be: December 15th, 2016, April 12th, 2017, and March 15th, 2017.

Meeting adjourned @ 4:15pm