

MINUTES OF THE JONESBORO MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

November 9, 2017

The Jonesboro Middle School Council met in regular session on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 5:00pm.

The meeting was held at Jonesboro Middle School, 1308 Arnold St. Jonesboro, GA 30236.

School Council Members present:

Don Swartzentruber, Searless Hathaway-Williams, Daila Barthel, Corey Stephens, Cathy Ellis

School Council Members absent:

Desma Radford, Deborah Billups

5 members were present, representing a quorum.

1. Call to Order

Ms. Searless Hathaway called the meeting to order at 5:24 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Stephens led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Stephens distributed the agenda posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the school council approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION: Barthel; SECOND: Ellis

VOTE: Yes (unanimous)

4. Approval of Minutes

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the school council approve the minutes from the last meeting.

MOTION: Swartzentruber; SECOND: Ellis
VOTE: Yes (unanimous)

5. Presentation to School Council

Mr. Stephens presented the mission and vision of the school which is in alignment with the county mission and vision. The Bear Affirmation was presented. Middle School Celebrations were summarized. (Reading Bowl Champs, Female Coach of the Year, Ms. Reynolds, undefeated football season, GMAS improvements)

6. Report of Principal

Mr. Stephens presented 2017 GMAS data. We saw growth in all content areas. Our CCRPI score went up 9.5 points. Attendance data was presented and we had a slight drop. Discipline data was presented. Our referrals were trending down as the year progressed.

Term One academic data was presented. Attendance and discipline data was analyzed and discussed.

7. Old Business

The dates for this year's meetings need to be amended.

First meeting: 11.9.17 (4:30 pm)

Second meeting: 12.14.17 (4:30 pm)

8. New Business

1. The school has adopted "DEAR Time." (Drop everything and Read) The first 20 minutes of the day are spent reading in homeroom. Students keep a reading log and weekly incentives are given for student who successfully meet objectives.

2. School Council Focus for 2017-2018: Mentorships

We have a program in place that meets every other Friday. We need more volunteers to ensure success. Mr. Stephens reported that the program has proven to be valuable to the school and would like to see the program expanded.

9. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the school council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.

MOTION; Barthel SECOND: Ellis

VOTE: Yes (unanimous)