



OTIS A MASON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Advisory Council Meeting- Media Center

Tuesday October 18, 2016 6:00pm

- Call to Order

T Austin calls meeting to order. Explains that we waited to begin meeting so that we could ensure that we had enough members attending to allow for voting. Thank you everyone for coming.

H Bartlett requests motion to begin meeting, motioned by McManus seconded by Harris. --All say Aye.

T Austin requests motion to amend date and time on meeting agenda, motioned by Harris, second by Crupi. – All say Aye.

H B calls for motion to amend today's schedule, motion called by Feaster, second by Harris. -- All say Aye.

- Review and approve minutes from September 13, 2016 meeting:

Notes:

- It was suggested in the notes that D Donovan is not a member, she is a guest.
- Question by Harris.... How many members have to be here for a vote to be made? T Austin responds.

T Austin calls for motion to approve minutes. Harris motions, Mitchell seconds. -- All say Aye.

- Vote on treasurer:

- T Austin states that we do not have enough members present to vote for treasurer. This will be addressed virtually.
- Discuss and administer the member composition survey:
- HB explains survey and purpose. Tells all members that this information will be use to show the district that we are a representation of our students. This info will be sent to district.

Q: How will members not present take this?-Harris. H Bartlett states that they will receive it electronically.

Nigel Pillay... explains our demographics to members and attendees using percentages. Explains amount of students that have IEPs, Gifted, FREE and reduced lunch, explains that schools overall reduced lunch

needs have gone down, which may affect our Title 1 statute in the future.

H Bartlett explains to members that should fill this out and once they have completed it fold it over and hold it up we will come around and collect.

- Financial Report

T Austin reminds members and attendees that we went over and approved our budget last meeting. As there have been no changes or usages the budget remains the same. She also explains the Treasurer position. This position will require someone to go and collect reports from Mrs. Bunnell.

- Principal Updates-Nigel Pillay

Hurricane Mathew, our school was mandated as a shelter on Thursday morning. It was open from Thursday to Saturday. Closed down on Saturday and housed 260 residents. At the time of closing residents were sent to another shelter or tried to go home. First to go out of power. Hotdogs were made for everyone using the gas grill. Two firefighters and paramedics, police officer were all present. National Guard came to assist. All here to help manage the facility. It was a good experience but not one he wishes to have again.

Talks about impacted areas, explains that some of our families are still displaced, as are some of our staff member.

Fall festival- Huge shout out to PTO they did a great job. Great turn out, Room of Doom was terrific. Everyone discusses how well it all turned out (Feaster and Kohlmann).

McManus from PTO- talks about how they are not sure if they broke even from fall festival, but reminds us that wasn't the point. Wanted to provide students with something to look forward after all of the stress from the storm. Will be finding out soon if they broke even.

Talked about hurricane make-up days.

Pillay passes over to Yvette; she talks about approval last year for purchasing Making Meanings in 3rd, 4th & 5th. Talks about the interaction that students are having during MM and how great it is.

-Scienceflix, still getting that rolling out. Some teachers are already using. She is finding out more for teachers.

-I-ready: ELA and Math. Diagnostic. Parents should have seen results come home. Breaks down components for reading and math and provides instruction for them based on their needs. Gives lessons that will help them catch up. Progress monitoring shows how well they are doing. Diagnostics will be given 3 times a year and shows student growth.

Nigel- Explain purpose of I-ready...Math and Reading info that came back from state showed us that if we used it would help us progress students to make those needed gains at the end of the year. We are judged on our data. We are given letters and numbers, let the students determine what they remember of their experiences here at our school. Pillay states that he believes in his staff to make those gains.

Donovan (guest)

-receiving new science curriculum (ScienceFlix) will help us with our school wide goal set by Pillay.

-If anyone has any ideas for clubs contact Mrs. Donovan

-Chorus- it's a hit. Cars lined up around the block. Students and parents love it!

-Coming up- chorus presentation at district.

-Natasha asks everyone to come out to the performance.

-Girls on the Run, All Pro Dads--- movie night make up sponsored by all pro dads. If you ever have a student (child) that wants to initiate a club please have them let us know.

- New Business
 - Before we open the floor for discussion: Does anybody know anyone that wants to join us from our community that is a business member..?

PTO- Mcmanus- Says thanks for fall festival. Nichols class won box tops. 8,000 box tops and coke caps! New jump ropes, footballs, markers and glue for teachers, pizza for first grade, funding scholarships for field trips this upcoming year. Working hard to give back. Spirit wear for sale. Calling for volunteers for manatee cart. Harris just signed up, visitor wants to get info about manatee cart. Possible family photos before holidays. Possible spirit night. Nothing definitive.

Request for school spirit sweatshirts from Strauss. Discussion follows about how that would be a good addition to spirit wear.

H Bartlett calls for a motion to adjourn meeting. Harris motions, Yvette seconds. – All say Aye.