

School Governance Team

Meeting Minutes

Omega Elementary School

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Omega, Ga 31775

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October 25, 2017

I. Call to order (Mrs. Hornbuckle)

Mrs. Hornbuckle held the position of Chairperson for the meeting in the absence of Dr. Melton and called to order the third meeting of the year for Omega School's SGT, beginning at 3:30 pm, October 25, 2017, at Omega Elementary School, Room 206.

II. Member Sign In

Members in attendance included Mrs. Tammy Hornbuckle, Mrs. Peggy Hawkins, Mrs. Lauren Grimes, Mrs. Jessica Powell, Mrs. Kristy Stone, and Mr. Jaime Patrick.

III. Opening Prayer (Mrs. Powell)

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Welcome Visitors (Mrs. Hornbuckle)

Mrs. Hornbuckle introduced Mr. Jonathan Judy, Chief Technology and Information Officer with Tift County Schools, as guest speaker. Mr. Jim Byers, AP was also in attendance.

VI. Approval of Agenda

- a. Mrs. Hornbuckle asked for input and approval of the agenda. Mr. Patrick made the motion to accept the agenda as is and Mrs. Grimes seconded the motion. All approved.

VII. Approval of minutes from last meeting

- a. Mrs. Hawkins sent minutes from the previous meeting by email to the team so they could have a chance to review. Mrs. Powell motioned to accept the minutes as is and Mrs. Stone seconded the motion. All approved.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- a. Members continued the discussion held during the previous SGT meeting regarding the year round school proposal. The first introduction to parents was during the Title I Parent Night where staff members shared information regarding students losing ground in reading during the summer months as well as the drop in the student's achievement levels. There was resistance from the parents at this first introduction, but Mrs. Stone stated that if we gather statistics and samples of calendars from other sources showing the improvements, especially in student performance, to support the implementation of year round school the response might be better. She also agreed to create a survey for all parties for input. This survey will be presented and discussed at the next team meeting. It was noted that this proposal would have to be carried forward and accepted throughout the school system to be considered.

- b. Mrs. Hornbuckle relinquished the floor to Mr. Judy so he could show his presentation of a new system that will be introduced to all schools in the near future that allows teachers to record their classroom lessons using audio and video equipment. He wanted to see if this program would provide us the answer to our need for student microphones, instead of purchasing audio systems for all classrooms which would be approximately \$1,000.00 per unit. Once discussion was opened regarding why we need an audio system to enhance student voice levels during class discussion, Mr. Judy came up with another idea. He suggested using wireless microphones connected to the Dell boards by way of the teacher laptop. If this works, we would only need to purchase wireless microphones for each teacher's laptop. He will work on the technical issues for this and get back with Mrs. Hornbuckle with his results. The team agreed to work in this direction instead of seeking audio systems at this time.
- c. Mr. Dasher was unable to attend today's meeting but agreed to come to the next meeting to give the team an idea of the playground improvements that will come with the district realignment next school year. This information will help the SGT decide on additional equipment to purchase, if needed.
- d. Mrs. Hornbuckle presented the remaining meeting dates for this school year to the team for approval. The dates are 11-14, 1-24, 3-21, and 4-25. It was agreed that if we have a need to meet again in May to close the year, we would plan a called meeting at that time. Mrs. Powell made a motion to accept and Mrs. Grimes seconded the motion. All agreed.

IX. New business

- a. Mrs. Hornbuckle gave everyone a copy of the old and new SGT bylaws to bring out the changes made in the bylaws under Article VIII and Article XV.
- b. Mrs. Hawkins presented the 5th grade Ga. Studies Tour fundraiser request for a fall, winter and spring raffle. The 5th grade teachers obtained a raffle license from the Tift County Sheriff's office to go along with the request. Mrs. Powell made a move to approve the fundraiser and Mrs. Grimes seconded it. All agreed.

X. Discussion for topics/presenters for next meeting

- a. Mrs. Stone said she would have the survey and information for the year round school schedule ready to discuss with the team. Also, Mr. Dasher will present the playground improvement plans for next year. No other topics were considered.

XI. Questions/Comments

XII. Adjournment

Mrs. Hornbuckle asked if we could adjourn, Mrs. Grimes made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Patrick seconded the motion. All agreed.

Minutes submitted by: Mrs. Peggy Hawkins, Secretary

Minutes approved by: Dr. Victoria Melton, Chairperson