

Local School Governance Team

Meeting Minutes

Omega Elementary School

150 College Ave

Omega, Ga 31775

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September 20, 2017

CORRECTION TO IX:d

- should read part time not ½ day

I. Call to order

Chairperson, Dr. Victoria Melton called to order the second meeting of the Local School Governance Team at 3:30 pm, September 20, 2017, at Omega Elementary School, Room 206.

II. Member Sign In

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

III. Opening Prayer (Dr. Melton)

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Welcome Visitors (Dr. Melton)

Dr. Melton introduced Mrs. Jennifer Purvis and Mrs. Lacy Cargle as guest speakers.

VI. Approval of Agenda

- a. Mrs. Hawkins asked for an addition to the agenda to include two fundraisers for the 5th grade Ga. Studies Tour and two for the PE department. Also, Coach Purvis asked to speak regarding these fundraisers and a presentation regarding additional playground equipment to be used during PE and recess. Mrs. Hornbuckle asked that we add a discussion regarding purchasing microphones for classrooms. Motion to accept the changes and approval of agenda was made by Mrs. Stone and seconded by Mrs. Grimes. All approved.

VII. Approval of minutes from last meeting

- a. Dr. Melton asked if there were any updates or changes to the August 7, 2017 meeting minutes. Mrs. Grimes made the motion to accept the minutes and Mrs. Stone seconded the motion. All approved.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- a. Dr. Melton introduced Mrs. Cargle to the floor. Mrs. Cargle followed up on the reading progress by presenting a program that she has begun piloting with 5th grade with the intention of implementing it throughout K-5 by the end of October. The program is called Who's Reading?, which is free. It will more accurately give us feedback with constructive response and not multiple choices when testing on a book review. Students can then go to Lexile.com to write a summary which will help them be aware of their Lexile level. Students can also access this program from home.

- b. Mrs. Cargle and Mrs. Stone also added to the discussion information that has been gathered proving that students lose many points in their Lexile scores due to the long summer break. At a meeting held in Tift County with school representatives and Mrs. Sandra Deal, Mrs. Cargle was introduced to the concept of going to a Year Round School Calendar to help bridge the gap in progress that happens during the summer break. The team was polled and all six members asked to delay this discussion until more information could be gathered and parents could be informed of the proposal. The first introduction to parents will be held during the Title I Parent Night coming up next week. With the information we have regarding students losing ground in reading during the summer months and other advantages of the year round calendar it will help parents understand what we are trying to accomplish.

IX. New business

- a. Coach Purvis presented her fundraisers next. The first one was for the American Heart Association – Jump Rope for Heart. Mrs. Stone made a motion to approve, Mrs. Powell seconded it and all agreed. The next fundraiser was for raising money for PE equipment by having concessions that follow nutrition guidelines, during the last 5 minutes of PE class. After much discussion on how time consuming this would be for Coach Purvis for the turn around, Mrs. Powell suggested she hold off on this fundraiser to consider something different. Mrs. Grimes made the motion to wait, Mrs. Hawkins seconded it and the team agreed. Coach Purvis then presented her ideas on playground equipment that she would like to see purchased for PE and recess use. The items she showed was a series of obstacle courses that would total from \$5,000 to \$7,000. Dr. Melton asked that we hold off on this until we can speak with Mr. Dasher about the realignment next school year and what the county is offering in new playground equipment. Mrs. Powell made a motion for the team to look into additional information on this, Mrs. Hornbuckle seconded this and the team agreed.
- b. Mrs. Hawkins presented the two fundraisers drawn up by Mrs. Estes for Fifth grade. The first is for a fall, winter and spring dance for 4th and 5th grade students. Proceeds from door and concession sales will be applied to student balances for the trip. The second one is Pajama Day to be held on Dec. 15th. Students can pay \$1 to wear their pajamas to school for the day. Mrs. Powell made a motion to approve both fundraisers, Mrs. Hornbuckle seconded the motion and all approved.
- c. Mrs. Stone let everyone know that the Title I Parent Night meeting will be held at Omega School on Thursday, September 28, 2017, at 5:30. At this meeting Mrs. Stone will give parents information on Benchmark and Lexile Levels to help them better understand the process and she will show parents reading strategies that can be used at home.
- d. Dr. Melton followed up on the recommendation for a ½ day math interventionist for Tier 2 and Tier 3 students. She discussed the hours and rate and that it would need to be a certified teacher for this position. This position would be under contract. Mrs. Stone made a motion to accept this expenditure, Mrs. Grimes seconded it, and all agreed. Dr. Melton also let everyone know that the Title I Interventionist position for reading and math support has been filled by Mrs. Adriane Webb.
- e. Mrs. Hornbuckle was given the floor to introduce the idea of purchasing microphones for all homeroom classrooms. She noted that with so much emphasis placed on individual response in both math and language lessons that students are having difficulty hearing and understanding their peers when they discuss answers openly in class. We would need 18 to 20 sets to cover all homerooms. Mrs. Hornbuckle said she would begin the information process if this is something

the team would like to budget. Mrs. Powell motioned that we table this until more information can be gathered for the next meeting, Mrs. Grimes seconded and the team agreed.

X. Discussion for topics/presenters for next meeting

- a. Dr. Melton suggested we ask Mr. Robbie Dasher to come and give us an idea of what the school system will propose for additions to the playground equipment during the realignment next school year.
- b. The next meeting date is scheduled for October 25, 2017 at 3:30 pm, at Omega School Room 206. At this meeting the team will determine the remaining meeting dates for this school year.

XI. Questions/Comments

XII. Adjournment

Dr. Melton moved to adjourn, all agreed.

Minutes submitted by: Mrs. Peggy Hawkins, Secretary

Minutes approved by: Dr. Victoria Melton, Chairperson