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Tuesday, May, 8th, 2018

K-8 Campus - Library

Board Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order @ 6:35 PM
2. Establish Quorum/Roll Call - Tony Beardsley, Dave Russell, Asele Mack, Anthony Porchia, Joe DeRouen, Alicia Knotts, Howard Alsdorf
Speakers/Attendees - Roger Miller(parent), Matt Young, David Skelton, Nathalie Brunell, Heather Wright, Aaron Jones
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Comments from the Public - Mr. Miller commented the board meetings were not easily accessible on the website. The board informed the website is in the process of being updated.
5. Consent Agenda - Motion
 - Approve minutes from April 10th, 2018
 - Enrollment Report
 - Financials*Motion to accept - Motion first Mr. Russell, Second Mr. Porchia - Motion Passed*
6. New Business
 - K-8 Report – Principal - Matt Young - Acknowledge Mr. Miller son, Holice, for working on the Outside Classroom at Elementary/Middle School for Eagle Scout project. Testing is complete for year. Community Creative Center has a grant for Pottery Wheel, a portable pottery classroom, and has brought to EMS and will bring again in future. Mr. Young covered all the events that will be taking place before the end of the year.
 - High School Report – Principal - Heather Wright - AP Testing will be going on the next two weeks. Mrs. Wright covered all the events that will be taking place before the end of the year. Graduation will be June 1st, 7:00 PM at John Q. Hammonds convention center.
 - Lease for Administration Office - Discussion on why the office isn't going to be in High School. The offices that were earmarked for the Admin offices will be for Creative Writing classes and room for additional students. Monies will be coming out of facility budget. *Motion to accept - Motion first Mr. DeRouen, Second Mr. Russell - Motion Passed*
 - School Calendar Change - *Motion to accept - Motion first Mr. Russell, Second Mr. DeRouen - Motion Passed*
 - Special Ed 2018-2019 funding applications - Every year required to be approved before June 1st. Part 6B funds, Federal Preschool, State Preschool (for use with Kindergarten students) reports for ADE Special Education Local School Application for Part B funds for Provision of Special Education and Related Services. *Motion to accept - Motion first Mr. DeRouen, Second Mr. Russell - Motion Passed*
 - School Improvement Plans for buildings - Both principals presented their school improvement plans for next year. Mrs. Wright has 3 goals on the plan to be implemented: 1. Meet needs of diverse learners with more training for teachers. 2. Ways to increase test scores - Vocabulary increase across the board to better repair students for testing. 3. Parental involvement - how to sustain parent

involvement from K-6 to HS. Mr. Young went over the K-6 School improvement plan. 1. Develop and implement staff development plan in regards to academics, data, and arts integration for K-6 Campus. 2. Utilize data from Maps, ACT, Aspire and formative assessments to make curriculum corrections and improve student instruction. 2. Train and implement a K-6 writing instruction plan. 4. Create curriculum maps for each subject area and pacing guides to help improve academic performance. 5. Form a behavior plan to improve student choices and teacher classroom management.

- Financial Staffing Restructure - This will be tabled to the next meeting. Discussion to send the board packet to board members at least one week before meeting.
- Salary Schedule Update - a revised version because a column was left off the original salary schedule.
Motion to accept - Motion first Mr. DeRouen, Second Mr. Russell - Motion Passed

7. Discussion of items since publication of the agenda. Mr. Beardsley reminded everyone that this week is Teacher Appreciation week. Food Service Management agreement - per state, even with 5 year contract, each year a renewal must be approved. *Motion to accept Aramark Food Service provider for 2018/2019 school year - Motion first Mr. Porchia, Second Mr. Russell - Motion Passed*

8. Personnel: Hiring/Renewal/Promotion/Demotion/Transfer/Non-Renewal/Termination
New Hires:

Terry Gracy - High School Assistant Principal
Eric Bolin - High School English
Julie Rains - High School English 7
Paula Scott - High School English 8
Stephanie Hicks - District Speech Pathologist
Tiffany Ford - High School History 7
Amanda Willard - Elementary/Middle School 3rd Grade Teacher

Motion to Accept - Motion first Mr. DeRouen, Second Mr. Russell - Motion Passed

Transfers:

Holly Gibbons - Elementary/Middle School from Nurse to 5th Grade Teacher


Motion to Accept - Motion first Mr. Russell, Second Mr. Porchia - Motion Passed

Terminations/Resignations/Non-Renewal to be leave at the end of the year:

Harrison Kerr - High School Science
Sara Patterson - Elementary/Middle School Theatre
Carolyn Martinez - Elementary/Middle School Spanish
Rebecca Baldwin - Elementary/Middle School Art
Melinda Brown - Elementary/Middle School 6th Grade
Maria Falcon - Elementary/Middle School Choir
Bonnie Johnson - Bus Driver

Motion to Accept - Motion first Mr. DeRouen, Second Mr. Porchia - Motion Passed

9. Executive Session - 8:05 PM
10. Adjournment - 8:11 PM
11. Next Board Meeting - June 12th, 2018 @ 6:30 PM



Tony Beardsley, President