

Meeting: Local School Governance Team Committee
Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 4:00 p.m.
Location: Media Center, Stringfellow Elementary School, Moultrie, GA
Chairperson: Josh Purvis
Secretary: Martha Hobbs
In Attendance: Dr. Tret Witherspoon, Principal
Josh Purvis, Assistant Principal
Martha Hobbs, Teacher Representative
Erin Illian, Teacher Representative
Chrystal Collins, Parent Representative

1. Call to Order-Josh Purvis, Chairman

Mr. Purvis called the meeting to order at 4:15. Dr. Witherspoon opened the meeting with an invocation.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Purvis presented proposed agenda for Board approval. Ms. Illian made a motion to accept proposed agenda, Ms. Collins made a second motion. All other members agreed by saying "I".

3. Consensus for minutes from August Meeting

Ms. Hobbs read the minutes from the September meeting. Ms. Collins made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Ms. Illian made a second motion. All other members agreed by saying "I".

4. Information items from the Principal

Dr. Witherspoon stated they are still in search of a Special Education Teacher. Also, he shared that a Kindergarten teacher has been hired effective October 12, 2015. Ms. Lynetra Griffin, a veteran teacher from Grady County. Another item discussed was the Achievement of School Improvement Goals. Dr. Witherspoon stated they are in the process of revising goals due to the end of the first 9 weeks. A monthly data report was presented to the Faculty/Staff at last meeting. Staff absentees were high due to a few long-term illnesses, surgeries, and unexpected accidents. Discipline Data was dramatically up. Student absences were higher in August. The implementation of PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support) team and training will begin October 14, 2015. Dr. Witherspoon shared a copy of an email sent from Marnie Kirkland, Assistant Superintendent of Colquitt County Schools. It came from GADOE regarding literacy after school program, 21st Century through YMCA. The email said: "*Dr. Witherspoon. Last Friday I received a call from Julie Morrill from the Georgia Department of Education; she is the program manager for the Striving Reader's Grant. She had received a call from Amanda Beaty, an expert former educator in our community who currently serves the children of Colquitt County with the after school programs through our YMCA. She shared that in her experience with the elementary*

students in the after school program she has noticed an amazing difference in the literacy levels of the students who leave Stringfellow each afternoon to participate in the YMCA's program. The YMCA has had to purchase literacy resources of a higher achievement level for those students then with many that come from other elementary schools in our county. Mrs. Beaty believes it is due to the focus that Stringfellow Elementary school has placed on helping each child progress through the foundations of reading toward fluency and comprehension. Since entering the grant, I have had the pleasure of fielding these types of calls about your school. It started last spring when Mrs. Morrill came to monitor Stringfellow. She was instantly impressed with the level to which your administrative team was engaged in literacy initiatives. I just wanted to share this wonderful compliment to the work you and your teachers are doing. MK"

A lockdown drill was practiced last week and all went well with just a few minor details that were addressed and worked out. Parent Teacher Literacy Night was held Monday, October 12. Dr. Witherspoon was pleased with the parent turn-out. He stated 5th grade had over 50 percent parent participation which is very encouraging. Ms. Collins, one of our team members, also a parent here at Stringfellow stated she was impressed with the new way teachers were meeting with parents and presenting student data. It helped her see how her child is progressing and encourages her as a parent to help him succeed throughout the year.

The last item on the agenda was the discussion of Stringfellow's Future. Dr. Witherspoon shared with members that Dr. DePaul, and Dr. Gregory informed Stringfellow's Faculty and Staff at their last meeting, the possibility of Stringfellow becoming a central PreK center for Colquitt County. More information will follow after the Board meets again on November 4, 2015. Dr. Witherspoon stated he will keep us informed as soon as he knows something.

5. Closing Remarks

Mr. Purvis shared some dates to remember that were listed on the Agenda. With no further items to be discussed, Mr. Purvis asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Hobbs made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Collins seconded the motion. All members agreed by saying "I".

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Media Center at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, unless a called meeting is necessary before then.