

School Council Meeting September 9th 2016

Call to Order 7:33 AM

Members Present

Sherry McMullen, Kristi Arnsdorff, Claudette Lester, Teresa Mattingly, Marcia Doss, Bill Maddox, Oatha Mann.

Inspiration and Pledge led by Mr. Mann.

Agenda was approved for today's meeting.

Introduction of Mr. Leonard Presberg as a member of the Fayette County School Board.

Mr. Presberg commented on the relatively smooth county wide start to the 2016-2017 school year. Being an election year he encourages all to know your candidate and ask questions. His primary focus is cutting tax rate. All employees did receive a raise this year. We are continuing our search for qualified bus drivers. As an encouragement factor we will be adding AC to our school busses next year trying to make the job more appealing. Mr. Presberg is in our building every Thursday and is always working with our students to make us successful. Question was posed about the amendments on the ballot at the next election. The Boards position regarding the First Opportunity School is that it allows the Governor to be in complete control except for the building maintenance. Our school board is opposed because they do not feel that it is student focused more about the dollars that and the power that would be given to this person in charge. New Orleans and several schools in Tennessee tried this but the data does not show improvement and the CCRPI scores do no show improvement. Failing schools are not a true picture of the teachers that can be involved in the building wither.

Residency verification is still continuing. We are at about 90% complete with our verification. The questions was asked about the concerns of non-residents attending our school. In the last information that Mr. Presberg was given there were only about 10 families that had been identified. Mr. Presberg personally does not feel that this is a big problem for us at this time. Legal issues are ultimately the determining factor in what can be addressed.

Anticipations of the new legislative session and what to look forward to. The funding formula is decades old and really not ever has it been fully funded. January will begin the annual discussions of funding. With the current formula we receive $\frac{1}{2}$ from the state and $\frac{1}{2}$ from local taxes to meet our local budget. As a system we have been very fortunate to have had only one year of furlough days that have taken place as compared to other systems in the state.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Mr. Mann presented the report to us that had been prepared for Dr. Barrow about student learning data. Our CCRPI score was 77.5 which was above the state average but we are always looking to increase that number. There are four levels of learners being Basic, Developing, Proficient and Distinguished. We have implemented our Role Models and it has been a big hit with our students and parents. This recognition of students is so important among their peers. Students self-regulate for achievement. Our PBIS program is making great strides to improve behavior in the building. The new teachers that are in our building this year are making a great impact and fitting right in with our staff and students.

Questions were asked about a READING COUNTS option? 4th and 5th grade have been given options to show growth in reading other than just the Reading Counts tests. This will be considered for all grade levels the Professional Learning at a faculty meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

November 15th will be the next meeting Mr. Mike Sanders will be our guest.

Success Team meeting have continued to be successful for our parents and staff. It was brought to the attention of the council that the parents would like to have these meetings considered when they are assigning homework on these nights. It is hard for a parent to attend if they are working with a student to study for a test or assisting with homework.

Poetry Recitation is coming up and would it be possible for the student to present a poem that they wrote to help with engaging in a different expression. Ms. Mattingly said she would investigate the standard and see what could be done. It would not be approved for a County Level presentation but perhaps the school.

ADJOURNED 8:44