

School Council Meeting Minutes
Braelinn Elementary School
Conference Room
August 15, 2019 7:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Erinn Angelo, Principal
Kerrie Okoro, Teacher Representative
Donna Buffington, Teacher Representative
Cameron Schweiger, PTO Representative
Lisa Owens, Parent Representative
Christy Meyer, Parent Representative
Ken Morrow, Business Partner (ABSENT TODAY)

The meeting was called to order by Donna Buffington. Donna Buffington moved to approve the agenda and minutes. All were in favor. Corinne Kehayes and Emily Nealis were our visitors.

With regard to old business, welcome to our new members: Kerrie Okoro - teacher representative, Donna Buffington - teacher representative, Lisa Owens - parent representative, Ken Morrow - business partner, and Cameron Schweiger PTO representative. Georgia Milestones results from last year were shared with the group. Braelinn saw high achievement in writing last year.

With regard to new business, the school year is off to a great start! We have some new staff members including Ashli Williams (1st), Jeannie Inagawa (5th), Wendy Stevens (SPED), Anna Marks (SPED parapro), Tammy Sulkowski (SPED parapro), Allison Shad (SPED parapro), Kirstin Miller (Art), Mr. Booker (head custodian), and Justine Vannimwegen (gifted). It was asked if there would be Principal Chats this year. Mrs. Angelo will see how the first PTO meeting goes to see if there is a need. Some questions were raised about the new golf cart dismissal. Mrs. Angelo explained that the new changes are to ensure a safer dismissal. We have to make sure that all students are handed off to the right person each afternoon in a safe manner. This change was recommended by Officer Smiley as all other Peachtree City Schools have a structured golf cart dismissal plan. Mrs. Angelo explained the merger this year with Leader In Me and PBIS. Ms. Okoro and Mrs. Buffington both shared that they are loving the common language among the staff and students. Students/classes are earning STAR bucks this year for being respectful, responsible, and ready. Every two weeks a LEADER class will be recognized on each grade level by earning the most STAR bucks. We will be doing STAR Assemblies every two weeks as well this year with the goal of them being mostly student-led. The School Improvement Plan was shared to include goals around reading growth, intervention services, writing achievement, and student-led conference participation. A PTO update was shared to note that a new tax ID has been issued which allows them to move forward and get back to business. The lawyers do not foresee any huge fines when that time comes. They are moving forward with planning events for the school year. The direct drive exceeded their expectations this year. Mrs. Angelo offered to have other school system members join our meetings in the future if there are any suggestions.

The next School Council Meeting will be held November 7th, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Nealis, Recording Secretary

Kerrie Okoro, Secretary