

School Council Meeting

Thursday, March 08, 2018

Whitewater Middle School Front Office Conference Room

Present: Connie Baldwin, Robyn Johnson, Stephen Walker, Kathy Fincher, Ron Smith, Brent Scarbrough

Mrs. Baldwin opened the meeting at 7:30am, and welcomed everyone.

Teacher allotments were issued a couple of weeks ago. WMS will be losing one position due to a smaller 6th grade class coming in. Mrs. Fetter is retiring, so her position will not be filled. Mrs. Baldwin is still asking for the position to be filled, but the Board has the final approval. We are hoping that enrollment increases for the 6th grade this next year. After school started this year, we had 37 more students added to each grade level. We will also lose a PE Coach position, and that will be Dustin Lyle, since he was the last PE coach hired. He will be going to Bennett's Mill Middle School next year. Eve Hanie, one of our guidance counselors is retiring at the end of this year, and her position will be filled. This position is posted.

Mrs. Baldwin relayed that the county will continue to make improvements to school security and safety. All of this is in light of the horrible incident in South Florida. The county is purchasing an extra camera for our front door. When people ring the system to come inside, the front office secretary has to ask the nature of their business before they are given access to enter. Ron Smith brought up that it is **not** a good idea for those that have been buzzed in, **to let others in right behind them**, or when exiting let other people in that have not been buzzed in. We are so use to common curtesy of holding doors open for other, but with all of the past incidences, we cannot afford to do that any longer. Mrs. Baldwin is going to send this idea out to all parents through Infinite Campus.

Next Wednesday, March 14th is the Nationwide Walk Out Against School Violence. Dr. Barrow is writing a letter regarding this day. We are encouraging students not to walk out, but express their concerns in a more productive way. Mrs. Baldwin is suggesting that all students who want to participate, to take the 17 minutes of silence that will be set aside to write to their Congressman and/or Board Member to express their concerns. Have this time in a more constructive instructional environment, and a teachable moment during their Social Studies classes.

Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Walker viewed the renovation plan for the Media Center. We will be receiving new paint, carpet, chairs, tables and circulation desk. This should be completed over the summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35am.