

AASD
School Council
Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2009

Attendance:

Samia Mohammed
Amanda Chilvers
Nneka Alston
Becky Sills
Patty Cox
Judi Oliver
Sheryl Nelson
Kenny Moore
Vanessa Rob
Kristi Merriweather

Interpreters:

Faith Powell
David Tuner

- Nneka calls meeting to order
- 2 interpreters
- Things that were discussed
 - Take turns
 - New member: Judi Oliver
 - JO: Hearing, BG: Speech Path, Deaf Ed MS, In school for Lig ASL, Ph.D in 1 year, set-up ASL at UGA, 3 kids, married
- Nneka: Agenda Office Nominations- Sheryl Nelson (Secretary)
 - Adoption of Previous mins: Accepted
 - Student Services
 - Don: 200 students, 6 pending referrals
 - VR: Referrals mean only invited to IEPs, 3 out of 6 think for sure
- Instruction
 - KM: Pass out school improvement plans, leadership academy, plan is 20 pages, extended over the next 2 to 3 years
 - NI5 status: 45-60 days for action meetings, make up a plan during each meeting
 - Finished one successfully
 - Next one in progress now
- SES: data sheet given out
 - Numbers dropped right before break

- VR: SES is all planned out, should of have a calendar, always on same time. Parent workshops might be different (Donna Harris)
 - KM: excited about idea, using school buses to go and pick up students in the community
 - Approved by Kathy Cox, now with DOE lawyers (insurance and liability)
- Teacher of Year: Dara Duggin
 - Submitted to State, completing with GSB and GSD
 - 1st time state schools involved
- Teacher attendance
 - VR: doing good, 95% Nov, before had strict attendance policy (no more than 80 hours), now with H1N1 have to change that
- Behavior
 - Behavior Committee
 - Amy went to Gallaudet for training
 - Sheryl and Amanda also on committee
 - All but 2 went to conference
 - Partnered with them b/c we provided interpreters
 - Functional Behavior
 - Positive Behavior support
 - Suicide policy should be brought to committee next week
 - AC: Bullying came out of
- State
 - AC: Graduation test results
 - 2 math, 2 science, 1 social studies
 - Every time some kid pass some things
 - 1 passed writing test
 - Update: School improvement plan: given juniors get 2 practice test to get ready for march test
 - VR: how many have passed all? Off the top of your head
 - AC: at least 4, 1 completed 2 that he needed
- Budget:
 - Data sheet
 - How much spent in Nov, how much left
 - SM: in contacts we are -7%?
 - KM: thinking about the cushion from last year, did not have to take out the 3% reduction that we voted on at the beginning of the year, have a lot more left over, might have extra money for things from wish list
 - SM: remember 3%cut
 - AC: what is the money that is if we don't use it we lose it?
 - KM: state money, have to spend it or we will lose it, last year we were told to save money
- Approval of school budget:

- KM: confusing b/c state and federal money
 - School improvement grant data sheet
 - \$75,000 from this school improvement grant
 - Have to use \$30,000 on thinking maps
 - VR: will know more this summer
 - KM: all teachers will have to go to training this summer
 - \$5,000 for gas to training
 - \$20,000 leadership academy
 - In the past included hotel and food, was 12 people
 - \$20,000 daily rate for teachers to go
 - PC: already have 2 days set?
 - VR: DOE is in charge, still don't know the dates, 2 days, somewhere in the state, all teachers are expected to go, don't know about paraprofessionals
 - AC: is money for hotel
 - KM: no hotel, only registration for the days
 - VR: thought about getting the thinking map people here, but part of N15 to meet others schools like us
 - We get money b/c we are N15
- Vote all in favor
- Security Camera System and Message Board System
 - MBS: need this to alert
 - But SCS first
 - Have had things happen this year
 - For emergencies that could be avoided
 - Realistic around spring break
 - KM and VR can look at that from home
 - MBS: not forgotten but if we have funding left maybe will have
 - FP: over \$100,000 or more over the school
 - Model from FSB
 - In offices and classrooms and spent quarter million on that
 - Put it in different waves, setting priorities
 - Not just for emergencies but also for class bells
 - Can send to department or one person, time and date
 - KP: is there an alert?
 - FP: good question, just become attune to seeing it, students would see it, can help with transition time
 - KP: SC would we need security person as well
 - KM: it will be set up in different areas, in my office and in the admin reception desk, VR office, would cover every area but in classrooms
- Staffing: have 3 vacant positions but not filling right now, will decide when to fill
 - What position?

- KM: assistant position, instructional tech, language person (VR: ASL person or diagnostic?)
- VR: needs more ASL driven, looking at different schools, don't know yet, lots of ideas, ASL teacher for HS and parapro
- Student Council:
 - Uniforms: in charge?
 - PC: Questions? Trying to find pictures, can't find, thinking polos
 - KP: last meeting was suppose to provide pics
 - AC: voted on colors and style? Pockets/ no pockets, collared, etc.
 - NA: dark blue pants, khaki pants, black pants for everyone
 - Pale yellow, white and pale blue
 - Talk later about id HS students
 - ES: can have shorts in sports
 - Want it to be simple
 - SM: can get clothes at cost but need time to arrange
 - KM: some schools take 2 years to come up with this
 - KM: lunch results: 2 things they hate
 - Bag lunch
 - Grits
 - Favorite: chicken nuggets and pizza
 - Maybe take things from favorite and put in bag lunch
- Smarter than a fifth grader Money
 - SM: as parents can we help?
 - KM: might be closure to this by end of month, GAD show
- Sports
 - Petition: students want a football team
 - Need football committee: lots of different people
 - Why do we want it?
 - Want experience
 - Historical moment
 - Some money other deaf schools have football team
 - Help with school work and gradation rate
 - Good marketing
 - Team spirit and school sprit
 - How? Don't have enough time to explain
 - KM: follow the model of GSD
 - JO: Uniforms?
 - RB: fund raisers
 - NA: want to vote yes
- KM: last meeting
 - Wants us to have training on what a school council needs to be

- Training will take to the next level
- Basic we have down
- Feb 6 will be training
- Will get \$150 stiffen for coming
- During that meeting (Randy Dobbs) team building, strengths and weaknesses
- Wonderful training will be awesome
- If you work with SES we will provide coverage
- Working lunch
- Time 9am – 3 pm