

Hilltop Elementary School Council

March 5, 2024

The Hilltop Elementary School Council met in regular session on March 5, 2024, at 7:47 a.m. in the computer lab at the school.

School Council Members Present:

Dr. Ovedia Glover, Principal

Dara Seamans, Assistant Principal of Instruction

Sandy Sawyer, Teacher

Shannon Grieshop, Teacher

Amber Aldridge, Teacher

Pamela Clark, Teacher

Christie Baggett, Parent

Leah Aiken, Parent

Call to Order

Amber Aldridge made a motion to call the meeting to order at 7:47 am. Shannon Grieshop seconded the motion.

Welcome/Opening

Mrs. Seamans welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Spring MAP 2024 Information

- Grades K-5 take the MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) in the Spring.
- The testing window opens March 13 – 28, 2024.
- Kindergarten through 5th grade test in both math and reading.
- 3rd through 5th grade also take Language Usage.
- The score reports are available immediately.
- We will be reviewing the data during our Professional Learning Day on March 29, 2024.
- This data informs instruction and helps to create small groups and academic opportunity time.
- Teams have grown a lot this year by looking at data. This is a great time for the Map test because it is 1 month away from the GMAS. This gives a great prediction of how students will perform on the GMAS with 90% accuracy.

IReady Data – Spring Challenge “Hopping into Spring”

- IReady challenge begins March 4-28, 2024.
- Each flower will represent 20% of the entire grade level that completes lessons in both reading and math.

- Make sure to see our bunnies in the center hallway before leaving today. Kindergarten through 5th grade participates.
- Elizabeth Smith made our bunnies. This gets the students engaged.

Georgia Milestones Assessment Schedule

MILESTONES EOG 3-5 SPRING 2024					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
April 29-May 3			ELA Section 1 (90 mins) Grades 3-5	ELA Section 2 (80 mins) Grades 3-5	ELA Section 3 (80 mins) Grades 3-5
May 6-10	Mathematics Section 1 (65 mins) Grades 3-5	Mathematics Section 2 (65 mins) Grades 3-5	Science Section 1 & 2 (40 mins/section) Grade 5	Make-Up Testing	Make-Up Testing
Make-Up testing may begin immediately following the main administration day					

- Georgia Milestones Parent Night will be April 16, 2024. More information to come.
- Proctors – If you are interested in being a proctor during any of the Milestone testing dates (May 1-8), please contact Mrs. Seamans.
- The GMAS schedule is posted on Social Media, so that people can plan appointments or vacations around these days.
- Grades 3-5 all test at the same time. Therefore, we will need more proctors.
- The test is later in the year so there is more time to get ready. It isn't right after Spring Break
- There will be a GMAS assembly with Seth from Southside Baptist Church about what it means to be courageous. We are also having a poster contest the Friday before GMAS.
- If you know anyone interested in proctoring, please contact Dara Seamans. They need to be sure they have a current clearance with Chloe Brantley.
- Mrs. Aiken asked – How many proctors do you need? How long will they need to be here? And What do they do? Mrs. Seamans explained we need them from 8:30 to about 11:00 each day. They will be assigned to a classroom. They will make sure students have pencils, peppermints, be an extra set of eyes and assist teacher. They will be trained ahead of testing.

Upcoming Professional Learning Day – March 29, 2024

- Focus:
 - Professional Learning Teams – focusing on regrouping students for academic opportunity time using MAP Data.
 - What All Educators Need to Know? (Focus on classroom management strategies)
 - PBIS Team and Mr. Jason Pinkney presenting this.
 - Cox's Reading Modules – Additional Literacy Training for teachers who do not have the reading endorsement. After July, 2024, teachers will have this training coming out of college. Houston County District implemented UFLI for reading to grades K-2. Different strategies are needed for different kids, so we need a toolbox of different strategies. Dr. Glover explained that it is an initiative from system that all teachers receive some

training. We want equality for kids. Professional Learning for all teachers not just for Title 1 schools. We must grow and be equipped. If teachers struggle then kids will struggle. Pre-K through 5th grade and Specials teachers will all be completing the reading modules. The system goal is for all students to be reading on grade level.

We have started teacher shoutouts on Facebooks. It is part of our platform. Please visit the sensory room if you have time today. 2nd room for SID/PID and lower grades. They started on the upper grades last Friday. We are using this room to be proactive instead of de-stressor. Administration can take kids and they enjoyed jumping and taking their shoes off, etc.

Hilltops FTE count for March was 600 students.

Systemwide job fair was 2/24/24. We were awarded 3 slots. Then they added another slot for a total of 4. Mrs. Franz, Mrs. Chapman, Ms. Gibson and Ms. Hodges are all retiring. All but Mrs. Franz want to come back to help. Mrs. Franz is moving out of state. Mrs. Coyle is retiring but asked if she could sub. We have 2 gifted slots awarded in 5th grade. Dr. Glover and Mrs. Seamans will work on scheduling together. Our current number of teachers for next year are as follows: Pre-K – 2 teachers, Kindergarten - 5 teachers (up from 4), 1st grade - 5 teachers (up from 4), 2nd grade - 4 teachers (down from 5), 3rd grade will stay at 5 teachers, 4th grade will stay at 4 teachers, and 5th grade will stay at 4 teachers. We have begun interviewing. 1st teacher was hired yesterday. Dr. Glover wants to have all teachers hired by March 15th. We are pushing to be sure we are hiring for the right slot.

We know that behaviors are going to spike as summer approaches – especially in upper grades. We are using notebooks to check in with select students to be sure they had a good day. We have 6 in lower grades that check in the morning and afternoon with administration. We are teaching correct behaviors. What goes on in our house doesn't always happen in other houses. Students have to learn that there are school behaviors and home behaviors. We teach the behavior when they are in the lower grades that we want so when that when they are in upper grades it is not a problem.

Celebrations for end of year –

- 5th grade may go to Rigbys if they are able to get a bus. Charter busses are very expensive. There are critical dates when school busses are not available for field trips.
- Mrs. Aiken asked about Field Day – Field Day is May 9th for lower grades and May 10th for upper grades. Coaches are leading Field Day again. PTO is helping again.
- We have more instructional days for GMAS. 5/8 is the last day for GMAS regular testing. Then there will be makeups for those who missed. Third and Fifth are gate years. There is a remediation window then students take the test. Summer School hurts families with vacations planned.

We have growth in teachers, staff, and kids. We are excited about next year. Dr. Glover is moving some teachers around in the building. Some teachers requested move and others administration encouraged.

Our APD is a shared position with Miller Elementary School. This person will be announced at the March 12th meeting. There were about 47 applicants.

Mrs. Baggett asked if the 5th graders would be going to Middle School to visit? They will go the week after Field Day. Counselors of the Middle Schools want to do it after testing. Our students will be going

to Bonaire Middle and Huntington Middle School. Some Middle School placement is determined by student's IEP requirements.

Closing

Dr. Glover thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. If you need anything please let us know.

Mrs. Grieshop made the motion to close the meeting. Mrs. Aldridge seconded the motion at 8:24 a.m.