

Council Meeting- Location: Perry Middle School Media Center

The **Perry Middle School Council** meeting was held on Monday, April 25, 2022, at Perry Middle School. Dr. Burch sent a reminder copy of the agenda on April 18, 2022 at 9:07 am. An additional reminder was sent on April 25, 2022 at 9:52 am including the current meeting agenda and the January 31, 2022 meeting minutes. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Member attendance: Dr. Heath Burch, Dr. Diana Phillips, Jan Melnick, LaTondra Oliver, Mrs. Scott, and Shannie Williams

- I. **Call to order**- Dr. Heath Burch, Principal, called the meeting to order.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**- Jan Melnick was designated to lead the Pledge.
- III. **Moment of Silence**- Dr. Burch led through this section.
- IV. **Recognition of visitors**- Dr. Burch recognized Mrs. Scotts 2 children as being in attendance.
- V. **Approval of Agenda**- Dr. Burch asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Melnick mad the motion for approval and Mrs. Williams seconded the motion; agenda approved
- VI. **Old business**- Approval of January 31, 2022 Minutes
 - a. Approval of Minutes- Dr. Burch asked for a motion to approve the January 31, 2022minutes. Mr. Melnick made the motion for approval and Mrs. Oliver seconded the motion; minutes approved.
- VII. New business-Discussion-Dr. Burch, Principal
 - a. **MAP Testing Results**

MAP scores have an achievement aspect and a growth aspect as well.
Growth- 72% Reading; 83% Math
Achievement- Above the county average on every test
4th in the county in achievement and growth; right where we should be
Highest growth- 6th grade Math- 82%/ELA 67%

b. GA Milestone Testing

- Milestones is going on now. 7th grade testing starts in the morning. 6th grade will start testing next week and 8th grade will finish up the end of the 6th grade week of testing.
- Dr. Harrison has been working really hard to make sure everything is running smoothly and staying late to make sure all the test tickets are printed each day.

GMAP- Perry Middle will pilot this test this year. Hoping to replace GMAS with GMAP (gives you questions until you don't know the answers) this is schedule for May 10th and May 12th.

Testing has gone well this year- first year with students having their own chrome books. If students forget theirs or show up without charging them, teachers have extras in their classrooms to supplement this problem.

c. Perry Middle School Job Openings-

- Kelly Ward- Counselor
- Termecia Hunter- current student teacher here, classroom management is just awesome and will be a great asset to Perry Middle School
- Allie Payne- coming from NHS to teach Language Arts
- Tarrus Wallace- coming from Bibb County
- LeighAnn Boyce- coming from Tucker Elementary
- Heather Battles- coming from Perry High School to teach with Mrs. Jones.
- Sadly, we have to hire a new band teacher. Mrs. Hursey who has been here for 22 years is leaving to go work with her husband in Wayne County as band director and assistant band director. We will miss her. When our band goes to competition, Dr. Burch always gets e-mails about the band's great behavior and outstanding performance.

d. Title I Comprehensive Needs Assessment

Our focus has been on Math and Reading. Based on our MAP scores this has paid off. Teachers have been staying after school to offer tutoring in these areas. Edgenuity was paid for by the district to also supplement the students' math scores. Next year, we are looking at purchasing IXL for the

students for remediation and enhancement. The students seem to enjoy this program better than Edgenuity. Mr. Melnick stated that he purchased the program when he was principal of NSMS for his 8th grade teachers and when the other grade levels found out, they wanted the program as well. Mrs. Scott added a conversation she had with Dr. Franklin about purchasing the IXL platform for summer enhancement. She only needed to know how to tailor to platform for her daughter's individualized learning. Mrs. Oliver added, if she would get her child's MAP scores from the child's teacher, then she could put the scores on manually to cater the program to her child's learning.

- e. **Perry Middle School Teacher of the Year**- Is Mrs. Whitney Dady- she works hard around here at Perry Middle School. She will do us proud and represent our school well.
- f. **Teacher Appreciation Week**- Dr. Burch stated that he is thankful to our parents because they had already brought in gift cards to help show the teachers here how much they are appreciated/teachers will get breakfast everyday next week and just remind your children to thank their teachers.
- g. **School Council Elections**- Dr. Burch stated that he would send this information home in August when the new 6th grade students were in the building. Mr. Melnick suggested combining the elections with the first Title 1 parent night, because you usually get a large crowd of parents who are interested in being involved.
- h. **Parental feedback**- Parents were most interested in getting homework help for their students based on the survey results sent out by the Family Engagement Coordinator. Parents also needed to know more information about after school tutoring. There is an emphasis on teachers making tutoring meaningful for the students. Mrs. Scott questioned who Ms. Tryan was because she was conducting the Reading after school tutoring after school on the 7th grade hall. Dr. Burch explained that she was one of our research teachers who works with the 7th grade teachers in collaborative classes on the 7th grade hall. All teachers can't stay, so they made sure there was a teacher available on each hallway for after school tutoring. For Title 1, teachers will continue to have more than 1 way of communicating with parents through Messenger in Infinite Campus, The Remind App and Class DoJo.

Mrs. Scott had a question about the new ELA curriculum and how that has changed. Dr. Burch explained that it started out a little rocky, but once teachers got their bearings it began to smooth out. Dr. Burch further explained that the teachers didn't have pull out time to plan like they used to because we could not have a lot of visitors in the building. Mrs. Oliver added, that is was just some deeper thinking the students and teachers had to do in order to understand the new curriculum, but once some of the stories were taken out and the units were pulled back, it became smooth sailing. She also added for the students to allow the notes and notice for drive their thinking when reading.

- i. **Renovation Updates-** We are packing now for summer renovations. The front office already had a mini renovation with new LED lights, ceiling tiles and carpet. The insides will be redone along with the parking lot and parental drop off areas.
- j. **Important Dates-** GMAP- May 10th and 12th (6th-8th Grades)/Turn in Chromebooks- May 17th-8th grade/May 18th-7th grade/May 19th-6th grade. All laptops will be getting restored and fixed. Laptops will stay at the homeschool so the 6th and 7th grade students will get the same laptops back that they had this year. 8th graders will get one at their new high school. Mrs. Scott questioned if the board was requiring all schools collect laptops for the summer. Dr. Burch explained that no the board did not make that decision. They allowed each school to make their decision about what will happen in that regard. Perry Middle School will take up laptops in May to make sure all laptops were fixed and repaired for the start of next school year. May 20, 2022 is 8th grade day. In the morning, the students will have an award ceremony and the afternoon will be spent having some fun activities. The school will feed them lunch that day. May 24, 2022 6th and 7th grade will have their awards' ceremony. Awards' ceremonies will be in the cafeteria because there are no bleachers in the gymnasium. Each student being awarded will receive 2 tickets for parents to attend. Planning for next year- fast pass tickets will be sold again, but for the bus ramp side only. Dr. Burch explained that one day, over 400 cars passed through our car rider lane. Parent meetings for the beginning of the year are still being considered for in-person or hybrid. We have not made a decision yet.

- k. **Scholl Council Appreciation-** Dr. Burch thanked each member for their service to Perry Middle School this year with a thank you card and a gift.
- l. **Other topics brought before the council- No topics presented**
- m. **Adjournment-** the motion was made by Mr. Melnick and seconded by Mrs. Williams at 6:38 pm