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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

April 16, 2024

4:30 PM

Agenda

I. Call to Order

*Meeting was called to order by Dr. Shorter at 4:36

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes: February 6, 2024

Dr. Shorter moved for meeting minutes to be approved. It was 1st by Vogh and 2nd by Ms. Dinkins.

V. Recognition of Visitors

*Brandon Durham (Business Owner)

VI. Assessment- Dr. Shorter Spring MAP Data for the year, Upcoming GMAS

Dr. Shorter reviewed MAPS Growth for math. She reviewed each grade level's growth. She explained what growth entails. Readings growth report was reviewed. Dr. Shorter reviewed the MAPS Growth report for reading.

Dinkins asked about the higher grades being lower than lower grades and why there is such a difference. Dr. Shorter stated she feels motivation is a contributing factor. Dr. Shorter stated building excitement and stamina is important for their success. She further stated the testing window will be considered for next year. Example, not testing close to field day.



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Dr. Shorter stated the opportunities will be available for students to be a part of a learning environment with Higher Leveled Achievement activities. There are several teachers who will be taking courses to receive Gifted Certification.

Vogh: Wanted to know if it would go back the way it was years ago with the gifted classes.

Dinkins: Asked about whether there could be a club centered around it. Dr. Shorter stated that it could be shared to see if the interest is there to begin it and that was a great question.

Dr. Shorter reviewed GMAS testing dates and the sections that will be taken. She reviewed the new criteria for when students do not pass GMAS for 3rd and 5th grade. She stated practicing GMAS with children at home is important. She showed how to get to the practice test through DRC INSIGHT and how it looks.

Vogh- Had a question about ESOL students and whether they will receive accommodations. Dr. Shorter stated it depends on their needs and if they qualify for the accommodations. If they do, they will receive them.

VII. Report of Principal: Lachandra Cayton, Assistant Principal- Renovation updates, packing timeline

Dr. Cayton reviewed PBIS information. She announced the last celebration is coming up and the criteria to attend.

Dinkins- What happens when teachers aren't really giving the dojo points. Cayton stated they monitor and get in touch with teachers when they notice teachers may not be inputting dojo points. Ms. Cayton also discussed how students must also demonstrate the behaviors to earn the points as well.



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Vogh- Asked about clarity regarding the window to receive the points. Cayton reviewed the number of points to be received prior to the celebration. Dr. Shorter brought up doing daily check-ins with their child.

Cayton discussed renovations. She stated the office has already been renovated. She further discussed the packing process for teachers. She also stated a packing party is being held this Saturday.

Vogh asked about changes within the building. Cayton did discuss the changes that will take place. Dr. Shorter discussed the reasons for the set-up, which is to minimize testing distractions and due to several teachers serving multiple grade levels. She stated there will be a time for the school to be viewed by parents.

VIII. Old Business: Update on Ms. Vogh's 5th grade rock suggestion

Vogh – Provided update on rock suggestion. The total is \$500 which includes the rock, delivery, and forklift.

IX. New Business: fundraising

Vogh – Discussed Krispy Kreme as an option for a future fundraiser

X. Adjournment

Dr. Shorter moved for the meeting to end. It was 1st motioned by Mrs. Durham and 2nd by Ms. Dinkins.



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