



School Council
Agenda
January 12, 2024

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Recognition of Visitors
5. Introduction of members -
 - Nicole Griepp – parent rep
 - Shontavia Pitts-Lane – parent rep
 - Heather Topping – teacher rep
 - Y’keisha Tinsley – teacher rep
 - VaRee Harrell – principal
 - Robin Rooks - API
 - Allison Bridges – parent/business rep
 - Letrina Powell – parent/business rep
6. Mr. Parsons will discuss PBIS
7. MAP Data from Winter Administration
8. Report of the Principal– School news-upcoming events
9. Adjournment



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Meeting Notes
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10. Call to Order- Dr. Harrell 7:30 a.m.
11. Pledge of Allegiance- Dr. Harrell
12. Approval of Agenda- Motion offered Mrs. Rooks, 2nd by Letrina Powell
13. Recognition of Visitors- Mr. Parsons
14. Introduction of members -
 - Nicole Griepp – parent rep
 - Shontavia Pitts-Lane- parent rep (Absent)
 - Heather Topping– teacher rep
 - Ykeisha Green - teacher rep
 - VaRee Harrell – principal
 - Robin Rooks-API
 - Allison Bridges– parent/business rep
 - Letrina Powell – parent/business rep
15. Mr. Parsons will discuss PBIS
 - a. Mr. Parson discussed PBIS reinforcements and benefits for students and teachers. Mr. Parsons presented a power point displaying the mission statement, the correlation of scores and behavior, the four main benefits of PBIS, representatives in the building and their importance, expectations (fundamental principles: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful) and the implementation of PBIS lesson plans (We do, I do, you do). Mr. Parsons also presented the purpose of the 2nd second step curriculum and its correlation with PBIS. The main purpose of these programs is for social and emotional growth. The consistent implementation of these programs also support academic progression, as the infographics showed. These programs are structured to benefit all grade levels.
 - b. The School Wide assessment completed by teachers displayed improvement within the building reflecting on the school years, 2019-2024. The declination of out of school suspension and in school suspension was also presented. Currently, we have 952 students enrolled and only 25 students have received ISS 5 times or more.
 - c. School wide involvement: Class Dojo trackers are used as positive reinforcements. The trackers are displayed for parents daily. Students can put their points in, showing they are accountable and involved. PBIS celebrations are held once every nine weeks during each grade level specials' period. PBIS hosts kick-off events such as, a poster competition (K-2nd), and an essay contest (3rd-5th) and a moral pep rally with BMS, also referred to as "Purple up Day".
 - d. Mr. Parsons also presented the acknowledgement system which includes, a Might Knight, (1 student/week), Star teacher (1 teacher or para/month).
16. MAP Data from Winter Administration
 - a. MAP Data, upcoming events, PTO president referrals, language usage and consequences.

- b. MAP data: Dr. Harrell is very pleased with the scores. Dr. Harell passed out packets of county comparison MAPS results charts and discussed each grade level. Dr. Harell presented numbers and percentages that displayed Matt Arthur Elementary school as the top elementary school in the county. Furthermore, 5th grade were the top scorers in comparison to other elementary schools in the district and one of five elementary schools that didn't decline. MAES placed 1st or 2nd in each content area through the district in comparison to other elementary schools. Dr. Harell discussed the standard change in Math. Dr. Harrell discussed the results of MAPS and how it correlates with the projected proficiency on GMAS. Dr. Harrell discussed the goal for 3rd grade is to improve from 87% to 90% and the ability to retest will be an option this summer if needed.
- c. Upcoming events: March 8, 2024-MAES Talent show, March 22, 2024-Field Day
- d. PTO- Mrs. Dollar is leaving and Dr. Harrell is taking recommendations on replacements.
- e. Dr. Harrell discussed parent accountability when inappropriate language is used at school and provided an explanation of consequences. Also, informational sheets will be sent home every 9 weeks to remind parents of expectations.
- f. Mrs. Rooks mentioned we have 15 proctors for GMAS testing and we need 15 more. The hours will be 8 a.m-11 a.m May 1-8, 2024. Proctors must have a background check.
- g. Additional comments/concerns
 - Letrina Powell asked about Tutoring. Dr. Harrell informed her that we have some teachers starting and a few already tutoring. Mrs. Rooks informed her that we have Knight Academy throughout the school in each grade level Monday through Friday which teachers use for remediation. Dr. Harrell provided examples to clarify misunderstandings.
 - Letrina Powell: presented an idea of having parents nominate a teacher to be the PBIS star teacher. Dr. Harrell said she will present it to Mr. Parsons.
 - Nicole Griep- Express concerns of parents wanting to have a parent showcase night for the performing groups. Dr. Harrell informed her that plans are being made for January or February.
 - Letrina Powell: concerns of car rider ramp. Everyone agreed it has gotten better than it was.
- h. Adjournment Motioned- Motion Dr. Harrell 2nd- Mrs. Rooks
 - The meeting ended at 8:00 a.m.
 - Next meetings: February 16, 2024 and April 26, 2024

Mission Statement: **Our mission at Matt Arthur Elementary is to provide a school that works for ALL students: academically, socially and emotionally.**

Vision Statement: **Our mission at Matt Arthur Elementary is every child, every day, NO exceptions!**