

Minutes for the School Council Meeting
Veterans High School Council
October 5, 2023

The Veterans High School Council met in regular session on Thursday October 5, 2023, at 7:15 a.m., in the media resource room - 340 Piney Grove Road, Kathleen, GA 31047.

Council Members Present:

Dr. Amy Barbour, Mrs. Kristi Cannon, Mrs. LaTrenda Leaks, Mrs. Anna Shah, Mrs. Kimberly Snyder, and Ms. Miranda Stewart

School Council Members Absent:

Ms. Renee Douglas

1. Call to Order

Dr. Barbour called the meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Barbour led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

3. Recognition of School Council members

Dr. Amy Barbour, principal
Mrs. Kristi Cannon, teacher representative
Ms. Renee Douglas, teacher representative
Mrs. LaTrenda Leaks
Mrs. Ana Shah
Mrs. Kimberly Snyder
Ms. Miranda Stewart

Each council member introduced herself and her connection to our school.

4. Election of Chair/Vice-Chair

Dr. Barbour opened the floor for nominations for chair and vice-chair. She discussed the role of the chair and the supporting role of the vice-chair.

Mrs. Leaks nominated Mrs. Shah, who declined the nomination. Ms. Stewart volunteered to serve; Mrs. Leaks nominated Ms. Stewart, and Mrs. Shah seconded. The vote was unanimous. Mrs. Leaks volunteered to serve as vice-chair. Ms. Stewart motioned to nominate Mrs. Leaks, and Mrs. Cannon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

5. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Barbour will distribute the agenda pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. Mrs. Leaks motioned to accept the agenda, and Ms. Stewart seconded. The vote was unanimous.

6. Recognition of Visitors

No visitors were present.

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7. Presentation(s) to School Council

No special presentations were made to the School Council.

8. Report of the Principal

- 23-24 School Year Start
 - Student Enrollment
1845 = 481 (9)/489 (10)/483 (11)/392 (12) = August 2, 2023
1884 = 497 (9)/500 (10)/493 (11)/394 (12) = October 3, 2023
1866 = September 2022
 - Staff Update
 - S23 MAP Data/EOC Data
 - School Operational Procedures
 - Student Activities

- 23-24 Strategic Measures of Student Success (SMOSS)

- 2023 Graduation Rate

Dr. Barbour reviewed the school year start, including enrollment changes. She stated 14 new staff members were hired, and that they have acclimated and contributed well to the school. She additionally reviewed 2023 school data, provided in handout form, including graduation rate, EOC data, MAP growth data, AP data, CTAE pathway data, and discipline data. She additionally discussed SOAR progress and Tier 1 instructional focuses, along with the implementation of student supports and Warhawk Welcome team. She distributed a copy of the 23-24 Strategic Measures of Student Success, and reviewed the structure, focus areas, actions, and target measures, and how this aligns to teacher professional goals. She also distributed a copy of the HCSD 23-24 Legislative Priorities and reviewed the four areas: Support of Public Education, Increase of Teacher and Staff Pay, Prioritize School Safety, and Expand Employment Opportunities for Retirees.

Mrs. Snyder inquired about safety procedures for student signout and overall supports for students. Dr. Barbour discussed check in/check out procedures, student parking procedures and supervision, use of school cameras, administrative facility walks, and procedures for hall passes. Mrs. Cannon added the expectations for teacher duty assignments and staff visibility for student safety. Mrs. Leaks inquired about the school's initiatives for diversity supports, training, and understanding. Dr. Barbour discussed the expansion of content, especially in English reading samples, Social Studies curriculum design and coverage, and PBIS lessons, structures, and recognitions.

9. Old Business

No old business was included.

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10. New Business

No new business was brought before the council.

11. Executive Session

None held

12. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the school council, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 29, 2023.