

Minutes for the School Council Meeting
Veterans High School Council
November 29, 2023

The Veterans High School Council met in regular session on Wednesday, November 29, 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. Miranda Stewart Pennone, Mrs. Anna Shah, Mrs. Renee Douglas Shelton, and Mrs. Kimberly Snyder

School Council Members Absent:

None

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Miranda Stewart Pennone, chairperson, called the meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Pennone led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

3. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Barbour distributed the agenda pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. Mrs. Snyder motioned to approve the agenda, and Mrs. Cannon seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

4. Approval of Minutes

A vote to approve the minutes from October 5, 2023, was taken. Mrs. Cannon motioned to approve the minutes, and Mrs. Snyder seconded. The vote was unanimous.

5. Recognition of Visitors

Ms. Stacy Brunelle, PBIS Coach

6. Presentation(s) to School Council

2023-2024 Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Update

Ms. Brunelle presented trend data from the PBIS program, including discipline comparison, grade level statistics, event statistics, and resolution totals. She additionally discussed types and numbers of student acknowledgements to recognize students. Mrs. Shelton discussed additionally the impact of "Valued @ the V" cards, and Dr. Barbour added that there were 300 sent in October/November. Mrs. Cannon also mentioned the recent walkthroughs from the county PBIS team, and Ms. Brunelle discussed the team makeup and the school's gains since the last walkthrough period.

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7. Report of the Principal

- **2023 Graduation Rate**

Year	VHS	District	State
2017	92.1	87.6	80.6
2018	91.0	88.0	82.0
2019	90.2	88.4	82.6
2020	96.7	89.6	83.8
2021	95.18	88.8	83.8
2022	94.21	89.48	84.1
2023	94.8	87.6	84.4

Dr. Barbour reviewed the trend graduation data, including the 2023 gain. She additionally discussed the increase in enrollment since 2015, which is over a 200 student difference, along with the withdrawal process. She reviewed the documentation required by the Georgia Department of Education to verify the school's graduation rate. She further discussed the district's Operation: Graduation initiative, focusing on instruction, attendance, and protocols, with a goal of 90% as a district.

- **SOAR Update**

Dr. Barbour reviewed the semester's progress in SOAR, recapping the use of the longer period once a week on Tuesdays. The types of sessions for remediation and enrichment were reviewed, along with the administrative audits used to evaluate and support this instructional structure. Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Shelton, and Ms. Brunelle added teacher feedback on the positive impact of the longer time period for instructional support and operational effectiveness.

- **End of Semester – Exams/Exemptions/MAP Testing**

Dr. Barbour reviewed the exam dates (December 18-20) and the requirements for exemption. Exemption notices will be issued on December 15. She also reviewed the winter MAP testing sequence, administered to ninth and tenth graders in English and Math to measure growth in content mastery. Dr. Barbour reviewed how the fall assessment was used for goal setting for teams and for students individually, and how the data and goals are used for instructional planning and to meet gaps in learning.

9. Old Business

No old business was included.

10. New Business

No new business was brought before the council.

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11. Executive Session

None held

12. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the school council, the meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Pennone at 7:50am. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 31, 2024.