

Minutes for the School Council Meeting  
Veterans High School Council  
September 8, 2021

The Veterans High School Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 7:15 a.m., in the media resource room - 340 Piney Grove Road, Kathleen, GA 31047.

**Council Members Present:**

Julie Andrews, Amy Barbour, Angel Brown, Bill Connelly, Denisa Davis and Gary Garrard

**School Council Members Absent:**

None

**1. Call to Order**

Mrs. Angel Brown, chairperson, called the meeting to order.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Brown 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. Lt. Col. Connelly motioned to accept the agenda, and Mrs. Davis seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Barbour distributed the minutes from the April 21, 2021 meeting. Mrs. Davis motioned to approve the minutes, and Lt. Col. Connelly seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**5. Recognition of Visitors**

No visitors were present.

**6. Recognition of School Council members**

Mrs. Angel Brown, chairperson  
Dr. Amy Barbour, principal  
Mrs. Julie Andrews, teacher representative  
Mr. Johnathan Simmons, teacher representative  
Lt. Col. Bill Connelly  
Mrs. Denisa Davis  
Mr. Gary Garrard

**7. Presentation(s) to School Council**

There were no presentations to School Council.

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**8. Report of the Principal**

- 21-22 School Year Start
  - Student Enrollment  
1792 = 545 (9)/462 (10)/413 (11)/372 (12)
  - Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
  - Staff Update
  - Use of School Data – EOCs versus MAP data
  - School operational procedures
  - COVID safety procedures
  - COVID case reporting
  - Student Dress Code

Dr. Barbour reviewed the beginning of the school year, noting the changes implemented to respond to COVID impacts. She reviewed enrollment numbers, daily school operational procedures, and COVID safety procedures. She discussed the limitations on group gatherings, cleaning routines, and adjustments to a four lunch schedule for spacing. She additionally reviewed changes to contact tracing, to include close contacts within six feet of a positive report; parents have the option of returning the students to school with a mask for the ten day period, or quarantining for the ten day period. Mrs. Davis inquired about callouts and parent contact for procedures from community questions, and the system plan and publishing weekly reporting on the county website was reviewed. Dr. Barbour also discussed the addition of 13 new staff members, with three positions being added positions. She anticipates adding staff next year with added facility and growing student numbers.

Dr. Barbour discussed the release of End of Course data at the state and local level, and its disaggregate nature with not all students participating with varying levels of in-person learning last year. Additionally, she reviewed the implementation of MAP testing for fall, winter, and spring at the ninth and tenth grade levels as a growth measure versus an achievement measure, and its use at the high school level. She discussed that Houston County was part of a pilot consortium to use MAP data in the future for our system's evaluation measures instead of EOCs.

Dr. Barbour reviewed school level adjustments to dress code, including short length, hair color and nose rings.

- Facilities update

Dr. Barbour updated the School Council on the construction sites: the multipurpose building should be available the end of September, and the classroom addition is progressing ahead of schedule. Some supply receipts and weather have delayed some work on multipurpose, but the sites are ahead of schedule. Dr. Barbour complimented Parrish and their staff for their professionalism and regular communication with the school staff.

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**9. Old Business**

No old business was reviewed.

**10. New Business**

No new business was presented.

**11. Executive Session**

None held

**12. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the school council, the meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Angel Brown. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 17, 2021.