

Hilltop Elementary School Council

May 7, 2024

The Hilltop Elementary School Council met in regular session on March 5, 2024, at 7:49 a.m. in the computer lab at the school.

School Council Members Present:

Dr. Ovedia Glover, Principal

Dara Seamans, Assistant Principal of Instruction

Sandy Sawyer, Teacher

Shannon Grieshop, Teacher

Amber Aldridge, Teacher

Pamela Clark, Teacher

Christie Baggett, Parent

Leah Aiken, Parent

Mandy Cobb, Parent

Call to Order

Shannon Grieshop made a motion to call the meeting to order at 7:47 am. Amber Aldridge seconded the motion.

Welcome/Opening

Dr. Glover welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the year. Thank you for all you do. We appreciate you.

Celebrations

Dr. Jackson is expecting a new baby hawk.

We have several hawks retiring as follows: Jacqueline Hodges (Assistant Principal of Discipline, Charlene Chapman (2nd grade), Carlo Gibson (2nd grade), Christa Franz (4th grade), Denise Coyle (para), and Regina Malcolm (para). The Houston County Board office retirement banquet was the best she has been to in a long time. Dr. Brown did the banquet. We had a great turn out.

We also have several teachers with students who are graduating this year.

Review of Minutes

We reviewed minutes from the March 5th meeting. Mandy Cobb made a motion to adopt the minutes. Amber Aldridge seconded the motion.

Spring Maps Celebrations

We took the MAPs test back in March. It feels like longer. When we looked at the scores from Fall to Spring, the students well exceeded what the county expected.

Fall to Spring 2024:

1st grade: Math 99% growth

2nd grade: Math 93% growth

5th grade: Reading 90% growth

Maps Data used for AO time small group remediation and enrichment.

1st and 2nd grade, there was a math focus. Due to the revisions of the standards, it was more difficult because they were looking at changes. 5th grade had huge growth in reading. They really worked with those students. They took the Map test right before Spring Break. Then they revamped small groups for AO Time remediation. They looked at what standard to really focus on within the Essential Standards. Kindergarten did fabulous, too. They were not part of this but were exposed to it and practiced it. They took it in small groups so that they did not just click. They are ready for first grade.

GMAS Assembly – Courage is Contagious

Drew and Seth and a couple of others from Second Baptist came to do the assembly. Everyone had a great time. There were games with Kleenex and tictacs. They are going to invite them back for next school year. There was a poster contest for 3rd to 5th grade. The teachers voted. The kids did a great job.

GMAS Updates

Proctors – Thank You! The proctors kept coming. Some even called the night before to see if Mrs. Seamans needed more. They used about 13 proctors each day.

There was a Perfect Attendance challenge – 1 more day – So far Henry, Allen, McLaughlin, Scharnikow, Geiger, and A. Thomas have had perfect attendance. They will get a pizza party if they have perfect attendance the rest of testing. They have had a little something each day for the kids such as cookies, fruit snacks, popsicles, etc. We are keeping the names of proctors for next year.

We are constantly growing and making changes – new team members and lots of collaboration and mentoring.

Teacher Appreciation Week

This is Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you, teachers. You mean the world to us. You make it happen every single day. Thank you from our hearts. Dr. Glover's mom was a teacher. Parents are our first teacher. Get up every day and we get up over and over. Every day is a new day.

Dr. Glover was named Principal of the Year last night at the Society Garden for the GAESP Leadership meeting.

What can we do different. We are always learning. There is a different vibe at Hilltop. We are really taking care of each other and supporting each other. We have signed up 6 new teachers to go through

mentor training with the Board of Education. We use best practices. Thank you to the phenomenal awesome teachers.

We have a phenomenal School Council. Mr. Figueroa has a new Salsa truck, so we need to start looking for a new business member to join. Thank you to dr. and Mrs. Baggett for your generous donation for Teacher Appreciation Week. We had breakfast from PTO yesterday. We have a new business that is coming to support our teachers from Built Roofing. They are going to serve our teacher's breakfast.

Field Day

Field Day is this Thursday for lower grades and Friday for upper grades. There is a 60% chance of rain Thursday and 40% chance on Friday. We are working to have a plan to bring it inside. Parents already took time off and bought shirts. We will continue inside if necessary. We will make it happen for the kids and parents. Dr. Glover always puts herself in the shoes of the parents because she is a parent.

Veterans High School is working our car rider line again and giving away spring football tickets on Thursday.

We will have ESY here this summer. Students in 3rd and 5th who fail the test in reading must take the test again. They are automatically put in Summer Learning Academy and then taken out if they pass. Hilltop is the site school for student support students so the school will be open every day.

Mrs. Moroz will be out at the beginning of the year due to having her baby. Monica Smith from the Board office will be handling the 504s, EIPs, etc. Checking for sub to focus just on 50rs and New IEPs. Millie Broom will do continuing IEPs.

Tony Floyd, our APD for next year, has visited 2 or 3 times already. He will be here on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the first semester. He will be here Wednesdays and Fridays during the second semester. On Mondays he is split with Miller half a day.

Closing

Dr. Glover thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. If you need anything, please let us know.

Amber Aldridge made the motion to close the meeting. Christie Baggett seconded the motion at 8:16 a.m.