

Hilltop Elementary School Council

May 9, 2023

The Hilltop Elementary School Council met in regular session on May 9, 2023, at 7:38 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

Christie Baggett, Parent

Leah Aiken, Parent

Call to Order

Shannon Grieshop made a motion to call meeting to order at 7:38 am. Christie Baggett seconded the motion.

Welcome/Opening

Dr. Glover welcomed everyone to our final school council meeting of the year and thanked everyone for coming. We are down to the wire – the end of the year. Mrs. Seamans last day is June 2nd. Dr. Glover will be here all summer except the week of July 4th because the school never closes. May 24th is a half day for students and May 26th is the last day for teachers.

Review Minutes

The minutes from the March 7, 2023, meeting were reviewed.

Amber Aldridge made a motion to adopt the minutes. Shannon Grieshop seconded the motion.

Celebrations

Mrs. Franz is our Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Coyle is our Para of the Year.

4th and 5th grade students were the system winners for the Fair Bear writing contest. From 5th grade we had Julia Meister and from 4th grade we had Lyla Fox.

Assessments

- **GMAS**
 - The 5th grade will be taking science parts 1 and 2 today. Third and Fifth grade tested first except fifth grade science. Then fourth grade tested. Now fifth grade will take part one and two of science. The test will begin around 9 to 9:15. We will also do makeups for

those that were absent. We don't have a lot of makeups. We will celebrate the classes with 100% attendance during the test.

- **GKIDS**
 - Kindergarten is completing the GKIDS diagnostic. This is due by Friday. It is the report card for kindergarten. It shows the numbers students can count to and letter identification, etc.

- **I Ready**
 - Grades Kindergarten through 4th grade are completing the end of year I ready assessment.

- **MAP Reading Fluency**
 - Grades Kindergarten to Second grade are taking the oral reading test. This is fabulous data to tell us the words per minute and the phonological awareness. It provides next steps so that next years teachers can use this data immediately. We do this 3 times a year.

Technology

As we get closer to the end of the year we are thinking of different purchases. We are considering purchasing Moby Max for grades 1 and 2. We don't want to purchase any more technology for next year. Some is required by the county. We are mindful of the expectations of performance for the Elliot Observations. We want to make sure we are using technology the way we are supposed to such as research and computer instruction. We need to dive deep into the instructional components of what technology needs to be used for teaching. We want to make sure that the teachers are including the instructional practices with technology not just a program. The system purchased the technology for us and it is convenient. It is lower overall in the area of observations in district. We are still using TKES as our evaluation tool next year. Our new evaluation tool that will come into effect in the future is the Elliot observation which will focus on how we are using technology. We are blessed to have Mike Paalz to teach us how we should use resources. We won't operate in fear and anxiety. We will know how we use the technology. The Elliot tool will evaluate how they are using technology at the time of observation. Mike Paalz comes to Hilltop once a week to provide tips.

Teachers for 2023-2024 School Year

As of right now, we are slated for the following number of teachers:

- Pre-K – 2 teachers
- Kindergarten – 4 teachers
- 1st Grade – 4 teachers
- 2nd Grade – 5 teachers
- 3rd Grade – 5 teachers
- 4th Grade – 4 teachers
- 5th Grade – 4 teachers

Pre K is based on the lottery, zoning and population. We could actually apply to have a 3rd PreK class in our building if the numbers on our the wait list validate it.

After the first 10 days of school the teacher to student ratio is met. If not then we drop or we lose a slot to another school. 2nd and 3rd grade gained slots due to population growth.

Creating Memories

- Seniors
 - Veterans High School Senior Walk through will be led by Mrs. Aldridge. We have goody bags for our former students who are seniors. We started this last year and it was a lot of fun.
 - Perry High School has reached out to us regarding our former students that are there. We are going to write a note congratulating them and wishing them well. They will receive this at the end of the year.
- Field Day – Thursday and Friday. We are all super excited.

New PTO

- They are coming in slowly to organize and work with different booths and vendors. Dr. Glover met with them last week to see what they have in mind. They will officially take office July 1st.
- School Council and PTO should meet for a day at the end of summer.

Teacher Needs

- Mrs. Baggett met with teachers discuss their needs and that they are met. She took the lead for any referrals needed. She is going to contact the district regarding the need for a Media Clerk.
- Our needs are met. Our wants are not always. We have to decide what validates student learning.
- We have applied for a Math Science Social Studies Grant. Mrs. Aldridge also found a list of other grants for technology and math that will open up the first of the school year. Teachers who have done grants before help. Nikki Cooper and Christie Lehman also help.
- We have new K-5 math curriculum coming. We took inventory of what we have and what we need. We then applied for a \$4,000 math grant.

Leadership

- We have leadership meeting at the end of every year. Mrs. Sawyer just finished the Teacher Leadership Academy.
- Content Area Professional Learning Teams discuss ways to improve student achievement.
- Program Specific Leadership Academy – Dr. Jackson and Mrs. Riezinger are participating.
- Mrs. Kwanzaa Thomas is participating in the 2nd Cohort.
- We are always looking for replacements; Mrs. Seamans can replace Dr. Glover when needed.
- It is the Houston County Way to grow and keep our district strong. We are bigger than Bibb and Peach. We grow people in our building that want to grow. It is system wide that we grow but stay in the district – some with same schools while others fly to others.
- Competitive scores. We are showing growth as a school. We make sure that we make a difference for the kids.

- It takes all of it to grow each other.
- We need a mentoring club. If parents have suggestions please tell us.
- Donations from parents and business for Teacher Appreciation Week was wonderful.
- Mrs. Stafford is retiring. Ms. Moroz will be our new counselor.

Closing

Dr. Glover thanked everyone for coming. If you need anything let us know.

Shannon Grieshop made the motion to close the meeting. Mrs. Aldridge seconded the motion at 8:27 a.m.