

Hilltop Elementary School Council

May 10, 2022

The Hilltop Elementary School Council met in regular session on May 10, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. in room 312 at the school.

School Council Members Present:

Dr. Ovedia Glover, Principal

Dr. Ruth Bennett, Assistant Principal of Instruction

Wanda Stafford, Counselor

Sandy Sawyer, Teacher

Shannon Grieshop, Teacher

Christie Baggett, Parent

Leah Aiken, Parent

Welcome

Dr. Glover welcomed everyone to our final school council meeting of the year and thanked everyone for coming. She apologized for having to move the meeting due to book fair going on in Media Center.

Call to Order

Shannon Grieshop made motion to call meeting to order at 7:35. Christie Baggett seconded the motion.

May

This week there is something going on every single day. This is a very busy month. There is make up testing and fun activities. We are trying to focus on fun activities instead of ending the school year. Each grade level will have an end of year activity. Each grade level had the opportunity to invite parents in. Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 5th grade are inviting parents in for activities. The other grade levels are doing awards in their classrooms. Each grade level will also have an end of the year fun day. Some grades are doing a slushy truck, Marcos, Chick-Fil-A, etc. We are also having Field Day next week. The upper grades will have Field Day on May 19th, and the lower grades will have Field Day on May 20th.

The goal is to give them activities they will always remember.

5th grade will be having a drive through celebration. Veterans High School will be doing a walkthrough. Mrs. Haslett, our teacher of the year, will be helping to coordinate this. These seniors are former Hilltop students. They will come on May 19th and walk the halls as well as receive a gift.

Coach Harrelson is working diligently with school and students for Field Day. Parents must sign out their students if students leave with parents after field day. It will not count against the student.

We are ending the year with 569 students. Our numbers increased at the end of the year. We know that there may be some mobility during summer with people moving, so we will schedule for around 560 students. This is based off of our March FTE count.

Summer Learning Academy will be held at Langston Road Elementary. Hilltop students who are attending will be transported over to Langston Road Elementary.

During the summer, Reflex Math is still available. IReady is not available in the summer. Epic and Reading A-Z is available. Dr. Bennett is going to see if Mrs. Story can get a list together of technology that can be used during the summer for us.

Hilltop will be open. We will have summer school here for the severe and profound. Mrs. Riezinger and Ms. Brett are our severe and profound teachers. These classes will occupy the entire 300 hall. This will be led by support services from the Board Office. Familiar faces are important to these students.

Langston Road Elementary school will have remediation during the summer. Hilltop had around 10 students to qualify. Some of our teachers will be there. This is 3 days a week.

Teacher's Summer Learning

Fountas and Pinnel training is being offered to teachers for a week this summer. We also have a conference that 8 teachers are going to in Florida It will be over professional learning communities. This is for 4 days. They will leave on June 19th. We have site based professional learning throughout the year (Mrs. Sawyer leads a lot of these); but we haven't traveled a lot recently. The District took care of the registration fee, and the school is covering the hotel, food, and travel expenses. The teachers are giving up four days of their time.

One June 1st, the system meeting will take place at Veterans High School. We will have 8-10 representatives from our school. Mrs. Sawyer is presenting remediation and enrichment data in a breakout session. The morning will be PLC instruction, followed by lunch. Then breakout sessions. Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. Seamans are teaching along with teachers from other schools. This gives us an idea to learn fresh ideas from different schools.

Dr. Bennett is retiring this year. We are happy but sad. She has taught us a lot. Relationships last a lifetime. We will know today at 2p.m. who will be our next Assistant Principal of Instruction.

We do have some teachers not returning next year. Mr. Harrelson is going to David Perdue to teach severe and profound kindergarten. Mrs. Comer is having a baby and staying home. Mr. Watkins is going to be Houston County High School's band director.

We have been interviewing for our new music teacher. We hope to have decision today. At the end of the day it is what's best for our kids, Houston County way, and Hilltop Way.

Mrs. Aiken pointed out that it is the end of her and Mrs. Baggett's term. Dr. Glover told them they are welcome to stay if they choose. We are hoping next year more parents are involved – depending on restrictions. We haven't gotten the green light. Parents will be open to more planned events with invitations. For example, parent volunteers for the book fair.

Teachers are tired. Mrs. Baggett asked if subs were still hard to get. Subs are hard to get. If we don't have enough subs then we split the students among the other grade level teachers. But that puts more

stress on the teachers. As teachers, we must have open eyes, ears, and mind. They have a lot of sleepless nights. Your why is important as a teacher. As times have changed more burn out with subs. We celebrate our subs that are here long term. Every day of school has a purposes.

Closing

Dr. Glover thanked everyone for coming. If you need anything call on us.

Leah Aiken made the motion to close the meeting. Sandy Sawyer seconded the motion at 8:08 a.m.