

Minutes for the School Council Meeting  
Veterans High School Council  
September 7, 2022

The Veterans High School Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 7:15 a.m., in the media resource room - 340 Piney Grove Road, Kathleen, GA 31047.

**Council Members Present:**

Amy Barbour, Angel Brown, LaTrenda Leaks, Ana Shah, Johnathan Simmons, and Kaci Whiddon

**School Council Members Absent:**

Bill Connelly

**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. Kaci Whiddon motioned to approve the agenda, and Johnathan Simmons seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Johnathan Simmons motioned to approve the minutes from 3.16.22, and Kaci Whiddon seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**5. Recognition of Visitors**

None

**6. Recognition of School Council members**

Dr. Barbour recognized the returning council members and introduced new council members: Mrs. Leaks, Mrs. Shah, and Ms. Whiddon.

Mrs. Angel Brown, chairperson

Dr. Amy Barbour, principal

Mr. Johnathan Simmons, teacher representative

Ms. Kaci Whiddon, teacher representative

Lt. Col. Bill Connelly

Mrs. LaTrenda Leaks

Mrs. Ana Shah

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

None

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**8. Report of the Principal**

- 22-23 School Year Start
  - Student Enrollment  
1866 = 519 (9)/532 (10)/409 (11)/406 (12)  
1792 = September 2021
  - Staff Update
  - S22 MAP Data/EOC Data
  - School Operational Procedures
  - Student Activities

Dr. Barbour reviewed the beginning of the school year, including student enrollment numbers, student demographics, staff hires, and 21-22 school data. A data summary document was distributed and reviewed with the council, including graduation rates, End of Course exam data, MAP Growth data, AP exam data, and EOPA data. She additionally reviewed growth in student participation in student activities, and school operational procedures returning to traditional illness protocols for COVID related illnesses. School activities have resumed without restrictions.

- 22-23 Strategic Measures of Student Success (SMOSS)

A copy of the 22-23 SMOSS document for VHS was distributed and reviewed. Dr. Barbour reviewed each of the focus areas (Literacy, Math Proficiency, College and Career Readiness, Safety, Attendance, and On Track for Success). She additionally discussed the historical data on the document and the pre-set goals. Strategies for each were identified and discussed.

- Facilities update

Dr. Barbour discussed the completion of the new addition, including 60+ classroom spaces and the multipurpose facility. She stated that the downstairs only was utilized for this school year, including science and CTAE classes. She also discussed the addition of the Early Childhood Education pathway and the lab space for that pathway. Dr. Barbour stated that other classrooms would be utilized with continued growth. Dr. Barbour stated after the adjournment, she would take the parent representatives on a tour of the new addition.

**9. Old Business**

None

**10. New Business**

Mrs. Brown discussed starting to plan for this year's Teacher Appreciation week, and stated two fundraisers took place at Meet and Greet and Open House, and the proceeds from those two (approximately \$200) were used to seed a fund for supporting that week. Mrs. Shah suggested also using student leaders in Student Council, and Mrs.

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Leaks stated she had several fundraiser ideas and resources from prior service organizations. The plan for leveraging support from boosters and student activities was also discussed going forward for the next meeting and into second semester.

**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 Tuesday, November 29, 2022.