

Minutes for the School Council Meeting
Veterans High School Council
February 2, 2022

The Veterans High School Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 7:15 a.m., in the media resource room - 340 Piney Grove Road, Kathleen, GA 31047.

Council Members Present:

Julie Andrews, Amy Barbour, Denisa Davis, Gary Garrard, and Jonathan Simmons

School Council Members Absent:

Angel Brown and Bill Connelly

1. Call to Order

Dr. Barbour called the meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Davis led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

3. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Barbour distributed the agenda posted pursuant of the Open Meetings Act. Mrs. Davis motioned to accept the agenda, and Mr. Garrard seconded. The vote was unanimous.

4. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Barbour distributed the minutes from the 11.17.21 meeting. Mrs. Davis motioned to approve the minutes, and Mrs. Andrews seconded. The vote was unanimous.

5. Recognition of Visitors

No visitors were present.

6. Presentation(s) to School Council

There were no presentations to School Council.

7. Report of the Principal

- End of Semester grades comparison/preliminary

	F19	F20	F21
9th graders failing 1	8.26%	8.9%	7.94%
9th grader failing more than 1	9.60%	13.4%	12.56%
10th graders failing 1	10.3%	6.2%	11.15%
10th graders failing more than 1	6.8%	7.8%	7.65%
11th graders failing 1	9.54%	7.9%	9.11%
11th graders failing more than 1	3.42%	7.4%	7.71%
12th graders failing 1	4.3%	7.9%	4.56%

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12th graders failing more than 1	1.69%	3.9%	2.68%
Overall school % of students failing 1	8.13%	7.7%	8.34%
Overall school % of students failing more than 1	5.54%	8.4%	8.12%

- COVID/Attendance impact
- Tutoring/remediation impact
- Distance Learning impact

Dr. Barbour reviewed semester data, including impact of COVID absences, tutoring supports, and distance learning. Mr. Simmons and Mrs. Andrews gave classroom examples of students and progress/needs as the school continues to respond to student learning needs.

- COVID procedures/quarantining update

Dr. Barbour updated the school council on COVID report trends and school procedures/practices. She reviewed tracing needs since Christmas, and stated that with the quarantining choice, most students and parents are electing to stay in school with masks versus miss instructional time in the classroom.

- 1 to 1 Technology

Dr. Barbour stated that Friday, 2.4.22, is scheduled for VHS distribution of Chromebooks. She stated that the parent agreement signatures are low, and asked for help in encouraging the community to participate. She stated that chromebook distribution was being treated as textbooks, and that the district expected all students to have Chromebooks as a learning resource. The use of consistent technology will allow for equity in the classroom and removes the need for personal devices, some of which have difficulty accessing the school network.

- 2022-2023 Night Advisement: 2.28.22-3.2.22

Dr. Barbour reviewed the Teachers as Advisors process in place and the upcoming advisement for students. A Pre-Advisement Information Night was held Monday, 1.31.21, and had good turnout for information AP classes, CTAE pathways, Dual Enrollment, and graduation requirements. Parents will receive their appointment letters in the mail later in February.

- Legislative Priorities

Dr. Barbour shared the district's legislative priorities document for School Council's information on how the district prioritizes needs to best support students, staff, and schools.

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- Celebrations
 - PBIS recognition
 - 875 students = no tardies
 - 680 students = no tardies/referrals
 - MAP Growth recognition
 - 667 9th & 10th graders made growth
 - 359 9th & 10th graders exceeded growth metric
 - 2022 Valedictorian – Hailey Tayag
 - 2022 Salutatorian – Sam Guimond
 - 2022 STAR Student – Hailey Tayag
 - Concert Chorale – Georgia Music Educators Association Concert
 - All-State Band – 4 students
 - All-State Chorus – 19 students
 - AG Sales Team – Area Champions
 - Swim County Champions

9. Old Business

No old business was reviewed.

10. New Business

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 2-6

Dr. Barbour stated that staff greatly appreciated the School Council's hard work in a successful teacher appreciation week last year. The School Council will plan more specifically in March.

11. Executive Session

None held

12. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the school council, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, 3.16.22, in the media resource room.