

Hilltop Elementary School Council

March 7, 2023

The Hilltop Elementary School Council met in regular session on March 7, 2023, at 7:32 a.m. in 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 Haslett, Teacher

Mandy Cobb, Parent

Christie Baggett, Parent

Call to Order

Amber Haslett made motion to call meeting to order at 7:32 am. Shannon Grieshop seconded the motion.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Walter led the Pledge of Allegiance. We had a moment of silence.

Welcome/Opening

Dr. Glover welcomed everyone to our third school council meeting of the year and thanked everyone for coming. We cannot say that the year is almost over because we do things over the summer. We just keep going and going like the Energizer Bunny.

Here We Grow

We currently have the following number of students in each grade level:

- Pre-Kindergarten – 44
- Kindergarten – 78
- First – 93
- Second – 84
- Third – 92
- Fourth – 105
- Fifth – 110

We had 530 projected for the year and we have around 610 with 4 starting today in grades 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th. We are gaining a teacher slot to 2nd grade. We are excited about growth. Mrs. Gutierrez is going

back to Bonaire where we borrowed her from. We are hiring for that slot. Hopefully more children will be moving into our area and we will hire more teachers.

School Safety

The board spent millions of dollars for a safety plan for all schools. This plan is the Centegix Crisis Alert. There are many different types of alerts. The lunchroom monitors don't have centegix alert now. The students can tell you what each code means. The badges were between \$20-25 each. Teachers and staff take these where we go. It can be used on a different campus. The purpose is to protect, inform, and get help immediately.

If a student gets sick, a seizure for example, then teachers can tap 3 times and quietly notify of a code blue scenario. Dr. Glover can see the entire building with the Centegix map where the problem is. If there is a brawl (especially in high school) then 3 taps would allow admin to immediately go to the scene. It records everything that goes on. For a code red / active intruder, lives could be in danger. The teacher would hit it 8 times (just continuously) and this alerts the entire system. Doors automatically lock. Sheriff department, police department, and Board office are all alerted.

It is good that we have this system. We don't want to ever be in that situation. A child could bring something to school that they think is a toy. The teacher can lock the building down. If there is an active intruder, then the doors are locked. Teachers barricade the doors, and students go to a dead corner. In the event that something happens we are safe. Make sure were responding appropriately. If we panic then the kids panic.

Today's kids have cell phones. Kids know TikTok and Snapchat. Kids don't need devices at school because we have 1 to 1 devices available for them here.

Everyone is held accountable. The bus drivers can lock a bus down and security can come if needed.

Centegix Crisis Alert

- HCSD uses Centegix Crisis Alert to protect all employees of the HCSD.
- All full-time and some part-time employees will receive a Centegix badge.
- Types of Alerts:
 - Staff Alert (Only building level employees)
 - Code Blue (Only building level employees)
 - Code Red (Both building level and district level respondents)
 - Code Yellow (Both building level and district level respondents)
- HCSD Responders:
 - Code Blue Responders (Admin, Teachers, MedTech, Nurses, SRO, Office Staff)
 - Staff Alert Responders (Admin, SRO, Office Staff, Counselor)
 - District Admin Responders (SRO, School Operations, Transportations, Student services)
 - Three Clicks (Staff Alert, Code Blue, Fight, Behavior)
 - Eight Clicks (Active Intruder, On-Campus Event)

PBIS

- Safety for all
- Positive rewards

- Wednesday and Friday we have celebrations. One is for the class that had the most points for specials. And on Friday we have the Glow Party. We are dimming the lights in the gym.
- SOAR – Positive rewards and consequences
- 2 – System Meetings
 - Our school was chosen to hold the PBIS System meetings. They come to our school, speak with students and evaluate our school. There are about 25 employees from our district at these meetings. We use 5th graders as tour guides. Students tell about the SOAR life, positive rewards and consequences.
- Classroom visits
- Student Tours

Business Partners

“Business opportunities are like buses. There’s always another one coming.” Richard Branson

Area of Focus

- School Business Partners
 - How can I help? Talk to your local businesses. We want to get business partners for Hilltop like other schools. Southside Baptist Church has provided donuts and coffee for the staff. We have received calls asking if we need school supplies for students. Start thinking about who we can call to help with sponsorships.
 - Focus on school needs – What can you see that teachers need in classroom. Focus on the needs before the wants.
 - Supports – Physical – Financial – Emotional: Mental health is number one thing. We each need 5 – 10 minutes. Our male population need mentors. We will ask the board office about a mentor program affiliated with our school. Years ago, we had PBIS mentors. We could start something like this at our school with admin and teachers there to support and people to help build and really be the best.
 - Higher grades have a sitting area with red tables. A business partner could sponsor tables for the lower grades. Total would be between \$5-10,000.
 - A person or business could sponsor more benches in the front of the school.
 - Playground equipment and sitting chairs is another thing that could be sponsored.
 - Banners and signs to continue the growth of the school and community.
- Public Relations
 - By the Voice! – Parents should be the voice to talk the school up. Teachers need to let the good news travel. No bad news. Be the voice. If someone asks me who the best school is? Hilltop Elementary
 - School technology platforms – We want something posted everyday to advertise out school. Dr. Jackson and Mrs. Story and Mrs. Brantley post on our school platforms. We are going to get with the teachers to see what we can do to showcase our students more through the end of year. Dr. Glover is our twitter person. She focuses on staff. Dr. Rogers looks at twitter more. Parents look more at Facebook, Instagram, and DOJO more.

- Some principals have posted our teacher appreciation day coming up asking for sponsors to do a breakfast. Mrs. Baggett and her husband have been sponsors every year. We want to open it up more so we don't have to drain them for everything. A \$250 donation from a business and then we would promote them.
- Facebook – Instagram – Twitter

Data and More

Spring Map 2023 Information

- Grades K-5 MAP means Measure of Academic Progress
- Window opens March 15 – 30, 2023
- Testing in both Math and Reading
- Grades 3-5 take Language Usage
- Score reports are immediate
- Will review data during Professional Learning Day – March 31, 2023
- Informs instruction – Small Group and Academic Opportunity Time

IReady Data – Sprint Challenge “Hopping Into Spring”

- Each egg represents 20% of the entire grade level that completes lessons in both reading and math
- We had turkeys with feathers in November. Mrs. Smith draws these for us.
- Make sure to see our bunnies in the center hallway before leaving on today. K-5 Participates
- We did the Hopping Into Spring challenge for 4 weeks. It ends on March 24th. Then we will celebrate the winners. They will get an Easter egg hunt and a bunny trophy.
- 2nd grade won the Thanksgiving challenge. Reading is the focus this year to enhance instruction. Passages are longer but they have to push harder.

Study Island Data

- 243 Active Assignments among 3-5 grades – differentiated
- Assignments can be math or reading. It has been used consistently in January and February
- Approximately 40 minutes averaged per week in all grade levels
- Blue Ribbons (Shows mastery on standards – January/February)
 - 3rd grade: 944 ribbons
 - 4th grade: 852 ribbons
 - 5th grade: 1,001 ribbons
 - This doesn't include other ribbons gained on lower or upper level standards. Students have access to all grade level standards.
- We will be deciding if we want to use this again next year. It has promising impacts so far.

Georgia Milestones Assessment Schedule

Milestones EOG 3-5 Spring 2023					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 24 -28	ELA Section 1 Grades 3 & 5	ELA Section 2 Grades 3 & 5	ELA Section 3 Grades 3 & 5	Mathematics Section 1 Grades 3 & 5	Mathematics Section 2 Grades 3 & 5
May 1-5	ELA Section 1 Grade 4	ELA Section 2 Grade 4	ELA Section 3 Grade 4	Mathematics Section 1 Grade 4	Mathematics Section 2 Grade 4
Make-Up testing may begin immediately following the main administration day					
May 8-12	Make-Up Testing	Science Section 1 & 2 Grade 5	Make-Up Testing	Make-Up Testing	
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- This schedule is set up at district level.
- We contacted Mrs. Baggett recently to help get proctors. We are looking at getting base volunteers and help from PTO as well.
- We will be having an assembly on April 21st prior to testing. The theme is Hollywood Lights Camera Testing. We will have a DJ, Veterans High School Band, and a poster contest. It will be lots of fun and a little wild. It is a good purpose cause it lets kids know that we are behind them.
- On April 12th we will have a parent information night. Mrs. Seamans will present ways parents can support their child at home.

Site Collaboration Day – Excellence!!

- Focus: Common Formative Assessments
- Do our assessments match our learning targets?
- Teachers looked at standard and unpacked them. They asked what their learning targets be and revised the assessment. Teachers created assessments as grade based on a passage. They shared on chart paper. Are our assessments matching rigor on district assessments. Teachers were exposed to multiple types of questions.

Upcoming Professional Learning Day – March 31, 2023

- Focus: Vertical Team Planning
 - Reading Essential Standards
 - PreK-1st Grades
 - 2nd & 3rd Grades
 - 4th & 5th Grades
 - Technology training – Whiteboard Part 2
 - Professional Learning Teams – Focusing on regrouping students for academic opportunity time, (MAP Data)
 - Study Island Training: Worksheets, Teacher Toolkits, and Test Builder

Closing

Dr. Glover thanked everyone for coming. We are wearing blue for our colon cancer survivor, Coach Harrelson. We look for ways to celebrate. Mental health is important so we must take care of each other. If you need anything let us know.

Shannon Grieshop made the motion to close the meeting. Mrs. Aldridge seconded the motion at 8:17 a.m.