

Hilltop Elementary School Council

March 11, 2025

The Hilltop Elementary School Council met in regular session on March 11, 2025, at 8:01 a.m. in the data room at the school.

School Council Members Present:

Dr. Ovedia Glover, Principal

Dara Seamans, Assistant Principal of Instruction

Tony Floyd, Assistant Principal of Discipline

Shannon Grieshop, Teacher

Pamela Clark, Teacher

Mandy Cobb, Parent

Call to Order

Shannon Grieshop made a motion to call the meeting to order at 8:01 am. Pamela Clark seconded the motion.

Welcome & Celebrations

Dr. Glover welcomed everyone to our third meeting of the year.

Mr. Floyd will be at Hilltop full-time beginning July 1, 2025.

Georgia Department of Education celebrated us for being a diamond star school for the Cares for Giving because of our participation in the Just Give Foster Kids from December. Hilltop received a certificate for this.

Mrs. Seamans graduated from the leadership program. It was a lot of work. But it is all about the kids.

2nd graders are completing the water survival training. This is a good thing. A student came back and told Dr. Glover that it was too loud and that she almost drown. Dr. Glover was going to get her a pair of headphones. School purchased snacks every day for students in the training that didn't have one.

We have a lot going on and a lot to celebrate.

Technology Information

Mrs. Seamans had a meeting with the I Excel company. We didn't purchase it but are using the free pilot program. 3rd to 5th grade has an additional boost to help instruction. Some do it as homework. It has integrated winter MAP data to create tracks for kids. Kindergarten to 2nd take the MAP test again in Spring but not 3rd – 5th. 1st and 2nd grade data is integrated into the I Excel program as well. The Group Jam part of I Excel has whole and small group opportunities. It is competitive and the students love it. It is similar to Kahoot Quiz Whiz. Teachers can see data of who is still struggling with what skill. Over 300,000 hours have been used between January and now. Administration can see progress as well.

There is an AI component. Teachers can create Jeopardy type games. The essay portion of the program gives immediate feedback. We are currently not paying for it. Parents can see if their child is struggling. It gives feedback on what is wrong. Teachers can assign prior grade level assignments.

GMAS Information

Grades 3-5 all take GMAS at the same time and on the same days. Retesting has come back. There will be no Summer Learning Academy. 3rd grade will retest ELA and 5th grade ELA and Math in May if needed. Our plan is to ensure those EIP and struggling readers will immediately begin to remediate before the test results come back.

Proctors are needed. We currently have 5 people signed up to proctor. More are needed. Each 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade teacher needs a proctor for every day of testing. We need 13 or 14 each day. Proctors must have a current background check. These are good for 5 years.

MAPS

Spring MAPS test for grades Kindergarten to 2nd will be administered between May 5th and 16th. This will show the growth assessment and reading fluency. The dyslexia screener is no longer going to be used per the state.

School Discipline

We track behavior data including ISS days. We have less than half the number of ISS days that we had last year. We are working with students who have problems with discipline. Discipline is under control. EBD is doing good. We must include everyone. All means all. We must give all students the attention the need and come up with a plan to help them succeed. Pre-Kers are busy. WE have to teach them how to do school.

We had a couple of EBD students qualify to test for gifted. Mack and Mercer have been getting them ready.

EOY Information

March 20 and March 21 are Field Days. We usually do it in May, but it is too hot. We will see what coach and teachers say after it is complete. 2nd grade will be here for Field Day.

Closing

Dr. Glover thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. If you need anything, please let us know.

Mrs. Clark made the motion to close the meeting. Mrs. Cobb seconded the motion at 8:29 a.m.