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Perry Middle School Council Meeting

Council Meeting - Location: Perry Middle School Media Center

The **Perry Middle School Council** meeting was held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at Perry Middle School. Dr. Burch sent a meeting reminder on Monday, April 17, 2023 with a copy of the agenda minutes from January 30, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Member attendance: Dr. Heath Burch, Dr. Jody Dean, Dr. Monique Lester, Kenna Scragg, and Jarrett Davis

- I. **Call to Order** – Dr. Jody Dean called the meeting to order.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Dr. Dean led the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Moment of Silence** – Dr. Dean led through this section
- IV. **Recognition of Visitors** – None in attendance
- V. **Approval of Agenda** – Dr. Dean asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Scragg made the motion for approval and Dr. Lester seconded the motion; agenda approved.
- VI. **Old Business- Approval of January 30, 2023 minutes**
 - a. Approval of minutes- Dr. Dean asked for a motion to approve the January 30, 2023 minutes. Dr. Burch made the motion for the approval and Mr. Scragg seconded the motion; minutes approved.
- VII. **New Business – Discussion – Dr. Burch, Principal**
 - a.) **MAP Testing Results** – Dr. Burch praised the students and teachers for doing a great job on the MAP tests. We met each of our growth goals (+65% growth) for both fall-to-spring and winter-to-spring. Dr. Burch shared the following achievement and growth for all grade levels: 6th grade math -56% achievement (+6); 76% growth; 7th Reading – 76% achievement (+11); 94% growth; 7th Math – 72% achievement (+12); 88% growth; 8th Reading – 68% achievement (+ 12); 92% growth; 8th Math – 71% achievement (+11); 93% growth.
 - b.) **GA Milestone Testing** – First day of testing started Monday, April 24th with 8th grade Algebra 1 EOC section 1 & 2. Tuesday -ELA Section 1; Wednesday-ELA Section 2; Thursday-Mathematics Section 1 & 2. Friday will consist of makeups for those who were unable to test during the scheduled testing time. We will continue with testing with our 6th and 7th graders during the week of May 1st to continue through May 5th. This will be our first time testing 6th and 7th graders at the same time, and we have hopes that this will

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run smoothly. 8th graders will then circle back around and finish up the science and social studies testing after 6th and 7th graders are done testing. May 8th -12th will be schoolwide make-up dates.

- c.) **Perry Middle Personnel Changes** - Ms. Kizzy Johnson got a promotion and is no longer working as our APD. We now have Dr. Greg Peavy who is a retired principal within the Houston County School district. He is our APD for the remainder of the school year. Dr. Peavy is doing a fantastic job working with our teachers, staff, students, and families. There are no major behavioral issues. Dr. Lester will be our new APD in the upcoming 23-24 school year. We have two teachers retiring this year (Dr. Burch and Mr. Cooley). Mrs. McMillian is no longer going to be the reading connections teacher due to the position not needed for our upcoming population of students. Dr. Lester's math position became available as well as PE Coach. We were able to fill all open positions. The only open position at this time is our Media Specialist position. Mrs. Henderson is returning home to be close to family.
- d.) **New Teachers in the FY24** – Mr. Shannon, Mrs. Hester, Mrs. Clay, Mr. Dykes, and Coach Gainous will join us for the 23-24 school year.
- e.) **Title I Comprehensive Needs Assessment** – We have met our reading goals for the year and will continue to work hard in the area of literacy. Our students benefitted from the use of IXL, and we are thinking about extending the use of IXL to summertime learning. We are able to keep our math intervention teacher as our students are also benefitting from the math connections class. Our family engagement liaison continues to do an outstanding job working with families. We will continue to offer professional development for all faculty and staff as it relates to Title I. We aim to continue with our back-to-school supplies as we have done in the past. All necessary classroom items (paper, pencils, pens, notebooks, and textbooks) will be provided to all students.
- f.) **Perry Middle Teacher of the Year** – Ms. Jennifer Dykes was named our 2022-23 Teacher of the Year. She has been a math teacher at Perry Middle for 4 year and has been teaching for 16 years. Mrs. Dykes does a great job working with students, families, and teachers, and she is a great representative for our school.
- g.) **Teacher Appreciation Week** – Dr. Burch thanked Pruett Air for the donations that are used to reward teachers during teacher appreciation week. He also thanked and mentioned other families and donors for helping with gift cards. During teacher appreciation week, all teachers leave the building a token of appreciation thanks to those community members who help by sending in donations.
- h.) **Parental Feedback** – Mrs. Scott asked how students were rewarded dojo points and if teachers only gave points or did teachers also remove points. Dr. Lester explained the dojo system to the council and explained that students have an opportunity to earn 1 point from every class each day. Teachers do not take points away. Ms. Scott also said that she likes the idea of allowing students to bring their laptops home for the summer and work on IXL. Dr. Burch again stated that he and the admin team were still discussing this and aim to make it happen.
- i.) **Important Dates**
 - Track Finals Today (April 24th)
 - Baseball Playoffs April 25th – May 2nd
 - GMAS April 24th -May 5th
 - May 8th – 8th Grade PBIS Field Trip
 - May 9th – Spring Chorus Concert
 - May 10th – 8th Grade Academic Awards
 - May 11th – 12th Band Field Trip

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May 12th – 6th and 7th Grade Academic Awards
May 15th – 6th Grade PBIS Field Trip
May 17th – 7th Grade PBIS Field Trip
May 18th – Spring Band Concert (Gym)
May 19th – 8th Grade Field Trip to Wild Adventures
May 19th – Field Day 6th and 7th Grades
May 22nd – PBIS Celebration (Connections)
May 24th – Last Day
FINALS – May 18th ELA; May 22nd Social Studies; May 23rd Math & Science
May 26th - Report Cards will go home in the mail.

- j.) **School Council Appreciation** – Dr. Burch thanked the council members for their time and commitment to the school council. Dr. Burch also gave parents a token of appreciation for their willingness to serve on the council.
- k.) **Other topics brought before the council-** Dr. Burch informed the council about the stipulation for the end of the year celebrations. Students have to clear all media and lunch fines before participating in the celebrations.

VIII. Executive Session (Not Necessary)

- IX. **Develop agenda for next meeting** – This is the last school council meeting for the year. Dr. Burch will contact members about next steps and next year's school council.

X. Adjournment

- a. The motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Dean and seconded by Mr. Davis at 6:25 p.m.

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