

## School Council Meeting

March 23, 2022

### **Members Present**

William Wilson, Janet Mize, Jaqueline Randall, Shane Fandry, Ashley Manczka, Casey Matthews

\*Meeting began 4:30pm.

### **Field Day- Ms. Randall**

All grades will be competing in events. Students will sign up for events and not be forced to participate. Pre-k through grade one will be morning and grades 2-3 will be afternoon on May 11. May 12 will be 4<sup>th</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. May 12 there will be a pep rally to announce the winner for May 11 events and to have a 5<sup>th</sup> grade walk out so it is special for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Watch for flyer to be sent home on April 4 to purchase field day t-shirts. The classes color will match their specials color. Parents are invited to purchase a t-shirt too.

Parents are invited to attend field day to enjoy the day with their child. Food trucks will be available for parent/child to purchase food and Sunset Slush and Kona Ice will also be there for a cool treat. Students can only purchase food from a food truck with their parents but will be allowed to purchase a cool treat from Sunset Slush or Kona Ice.

### **Milestones- Mrs. Stuerman**

Mrs. Stuerman shared that the Milestones parent night went well. The parents that came had great questions concerning the test. Grades 3, 4, and 5 take the Georgia Milestones test and will take it the test in April. Mrs. Stuerman gave the committee a copy of the testing schedule. There will be no retesting this year for Milestones. Third grade tests math and ELA only. Fourth and fifth grade test math, ELA, and science. Social studies is not tested until 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Students are able to take a practice test on their device at home. The students know to go to the waffle symbol and choose the DRC option to take a test.

Grades 3, 5, and 8 are gate years where students are required to pass. If the student fails the test, it does not automatically mean the child will be retained. A committee will be formed and the test result will be only one factor used to determine if the student should be retained or not. The committee will take all resources concerning the student's learning and decide if the student is able to promote to the next grade.

## **MAPS Results**

Mr. Wilson shared the MAPS class averages with the council. The goal was for each class to reach 50% growth in each subject tested. Most classes met the goal of 50% in each subject. Mr. Wilson is pleased with the students' progress and growth.

Mr. Wilson also shared that the school will be purchasing reading backpack buddies for summer. The backpack will include books, games, and workbooks to allow students to continue to keep their skills current and not lose learning during the summer. There will be an interest letter sent home to parents to see if they are interested in their child receiving a back pack before purchasing them. This will prevent the school from buying unused backpacks. The cost per backpack is \$25-\$30.

## **Concerns for the Council**

Mr. Matthews is concerned about how students may be putting pressure on themselves to test and meet goals. He expressed his son did for MAPS testing and he does not want students to feel the pressure of meeting goals. Mr. Matthews said that MAPS is just a tool to measure students' growth and that is how it should be used.

Mr. Wilson explained that MAPS is a tool that provides student learning gaps and therefore, provides valuable information for how the teacher can provide the next step in the students' instruction.

It was discussed that achievement goals and pressure comes from the top and trickles down, however, Russell Elementary tries to not put pressure on staff or students. Russell Elementary asks for everyone to do their best.

## **Future Meeting Dates- All meetings will begin at 4:30pm.**

April 21, 2022

May 19, 2022

\*Meeting Adjourned 5:20 pm.