

Hartsfield Elementary SAC Minutes October 17, 2019

Members in Attendance:

Dr. Flanagan, Tyler Clark, Nancy Oakley, Gloria Mathis, Marie-Claire Leman, Grace Frances, Nidia Tew, Pastor Douty, Christic Henry

Guests in Attendance:

Gregory Holloway, Bomani Mustapha, Charles Birmingham

Minutes:

-Ms. Henry called meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

-Introductions of members and guests around the table.

-Ms. Henry reminded the group of the function of SAC – in summary, we represent all of our stakeholders/ constituents and we are charged with ensuring the continued success of HES.

-Review of Minutes from September 19th meeting; Motion to approve minutes was made by Dr. Flanagan, Grace Frances seconded the motion. Minutes from September 19th accepted.

-Officer Nominations & Elections – we need a formal vote of the new members (Gloria Mathis, Iris Wilson, and Richard Johnson (parent)). Tyler Clark moved to accept the new slate of members, Marie Claire seconded.

SLATE ADJUSTED to also add Marie Claire Leman and Nancy Oakley since their terms expired, and they are beginning new terms. Pastor Douty moved to accept the modified slate, Marie-Claire Leman seconded. New members approved.

-Election of Chair/Vice Chair – Marie-Claire nominated Ms. Christic Henry as Chair and Nancy Oakley seconded – approved and elected. We will postpone vice chair election – motion by Pastor Douty, seconded by Tyler Clark.

-Election of Secretary – Tyler Clark nominated himself, Marie-Claire seconded the nomination. Approved and elected.

-DAC & TAC Representation – Dr. Flanagan nominated Dean Mustapha, Marie Claire Leman seconded. Marie-Claire stated that Mr. Johnson is happy to be the TAC representative. Dr. Flanagan will need to add him officially via email. Marie-Claire Leman motioned to nominate Dean Mustapha, and Tyler Clark seconded. Approved and elected.

System of alternates – Marie-Claire Leman suggested a system for having alternates for DAC and TAC meetings if our official reps can't make meeting. No named official, but the council agreed that someone will step in. We can discuss this further at a later meeting.

Principal's Report:

-We are moving into the new grading period; Conscious Discipline implementation and professional development is going well; the Primary Years Programme Candidacy Application is ready to submit.

-Mrs. Thompson spoke about our co-curricular initiatives – ECO School: Butterfly garden and bog is coming along; we are in partnership with the Wildlife Federation and Leon County Extension. We have purchased Studies Weekly as a new social studies supplement (K-5) – part of motivating students to read informational texts that are more engaging; We have also purchased the Reflex fluency program for K-5 – computer based math fact fluency. We are in the process of co-writing a grant with Iris Wilson for Flocabulary. A Violin program is coming to 3rd grade during special area – approximately 14 students can be in the program – looking at interest first to see if we also may need MORE violins. Violin program will grow in the future, and be sustained. Finally, she spoke about our new Robotics Club via Tallahassee Robotics Association– it goes along with our STEM initiatives (robotics club will begin with 4th and 5th grade students).

-Dr. Flanagan spoke about her time at the Purpose Built Communities annual conference – great experience, learned a lot; has more faith in the organization after seeing and hearing about their mission and their work. Looking forward to Hartsfield being involved in the PBC project for Tallahassee and the Orange Avenue area.

-Community Conversation (Town Hall) next week – October 24th at 5:30 PM; flyers (paper, social media, website)...hoping for a great turnout with LOTS of information on Purpose Built initiatives and the plan moving forward. This will be hosted at Hartsfield.

Marie-Claire Leman stated that there is growing interest in the Indian Head Community about the Primary Years Programme. We can put them in touch with Mr. Clark, and we will work on a community night to give info on CD and PYP to members of the community that may not have students at Hartsfield.

-Parent Resource Room – Ms. Henry wants the Bangin' Strategic Fundraising Committee to meet and prepare our materials and info for the 24th. That committee will meet on Monday, October 21 at 9:00 AM.

-PTO has set up Cash App and PayPal – trying to get 100% participation from parents...we can have a visual at the front of the school that shows how much fundraising is progressing and to motivate parents/ families to engage with the campaign.

-PTO going well! Over 80 people at Movie Night – Grace Frances talked about how excited and engaged our parents are this year!

-Ms. Henry requested a PTO calendar of events at each SAC Meeting.

-Grace asked if we could have a December movie night – Flanagan said we will check the calendar and follow up.

-Cheryl McKissack Daniel – connected with choir, they performed for her, and she will be hosting a reception for them in NY while they are visiting for their Carnegie Hall performance.

TAC Report:

-Title I allocation of funds will be per student that qualifies for Free/ Reduced Lunch – more percentage of students qualifying, means more money...Marie-Claire Leman will get us more information on how they are figuring out who qualifies, because funds will be reduced for many schools, including Hartsfield.

-Title I had a full summer conference last year – they will do a half day summit this year in March (on the Teacher Planning Day after Spring Break – only for 150-200 teachers). Not sure at this point how teachers get selected to attend.

-Mobile STEM lab – going to 10 different schools, not sure if HES is on the list.

-One concern this year is how to keep our focus on the most struggling students in all of the Title I schools.

NEXT MEETING – November 21st, 2019

Ms. Henry would like to encourage attendance – everyone bring \$5, put in a "pot" – the person with the most attendance from SAC gets the pot money.

Tyler Clark motioned to adjourn, Grace Frances seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:46 PM