

Minutes for School Council Meeting

Linwood School Council

January 13, 2009

Members

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Dianna Kaszuba, Chairperson, Business Parent Representative

Lazunia Frierson, Vice Chairperson

Stacey Kincer, Teacher Representative

Dana Smith, Secretary, Parent Representative

Sheila Burke, Teacher Representative

Tracy Bruce, Parent Representative

Lorelei Lontoc, Business Parent Representative

School Council Members Present: Dianna Kaszuba, Lazunia Thomas, Stacey Kincer
Tracy Bruce, and Lorelei Lontoc

School Council Members Absent: Dana Smith and Sheila Burke

1. Call to Order

Diana Kaszuba, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

2. Inspiration

There was no inspirational message for the meeting

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Diana Kaszuba, Chairperson, led the pledge

4. Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Kaszuba moved, seconded, and carried that the school council approve the agenda.

Motion: Stuart Allison

Second: Dianna Kaszuba

Vote: Unanimous 5:0

5. Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Kaszuba moved, seconded, and carried that the school council approve the minutes from October 28, 2008 meeting.

Motion: Lorelei Lontoc

Second: Dianna Kaszuba

Vote: Unanimous 5:0

Approved

6. Recognition of Visitors

Diana Kaszuba, Chairperson, recognized the following visitors:

Stuart Allison

Rhonda Wooten

Barbara Herrera

Manuel Recinos

Alba Lorena Lopez

7. Presentation(s) to School Council

None

8. Report of Principal

Lazunia Thomas, Principal, had no items to report.

9. Old Business

ITBS Scores reviewed

10. New Business

Robins Elementary School Open House, January 15, 2009, at 5:30pm

- Review the plans, intent forms, and parent questions/concerns

Discussed how school council parents will be willing to serve on the military hospitality committee for the Robins Open House in order to help make the parents and students feel welcome. School council members discussed Robins Elementary parent concerns. Robins transition team questions and answers were reviewed. School council recommended that

Linwood highlight tutoring services provided to students in need and manageable class sizes. Robins parental intent forms are coming in but only half returned so far. Many forms turned in so far indicate that students will be attending Linwood. We are still collecting forms to get a final count.

Houston County Job Fair

- February 7, 2009

If you know anyone looking for a teaching job in Houston County, please inform them of the job fair dates. Candidates seeking paraprofessional jobs drop off resumes to some principals at the job fair, but the main focus of the job fair is teacher recruitment.

Fifth Grade Writing Assessment

- March 4, 2009
- Our goal is to perform above last year's 88%

Student Interventions for Learning

- Saturday School, after-school tutoring, and school day tutoring are all offered for struggling students

Million Minutes Reading Program

- 746, 753 current minutes

Linwood Teachers Setting Goals

- Grade levels have chosen a content area that they can stretch to 90-100% meets and exceeds
Council and parents discussed how we can include incentives for the students and teachers of the grade levels that reach their stretch goals- Ideas will be discussed at the next meeting.

Superstars

- Movie and Popcorn day on January 23, 2009, to recognize students who have shown positive behavior

Title I Distinguished Schools Money

- Linwood has received \$842
Some ideas proposed for spending the funds include the following: DVD players, art supplies, million minutes incentive prizes, new microphones for gym, stereo system for performances

Houston County Benchmarks in language arts and math

These are given each year to students in grades 1-5. Teachers use results to guide instruction and prepare students for the CRCT.

Chairperson Kaszuba motioned that we move the school council meeting from April 14 to March 31 so that school council can discuss CRCT plans. The April 14 date is the day before the first day of CRCT. Chairperson Kaszuba moved, seconded, and carried to vote on changing the date for the next meeting. Members voted to move the meeting date to Tuesday, March 31.

Motion: Diana Kaszuba

Second: Tracy Bruce

Vote: 5:0

12. Reminder dates scheduled

Robins Elementary School Open House	January 15 at 5:30pm
MLK Holiday	January 19
100 th Day of School	January 21
Fifth Grade Advance Graduation	January 23 at 9:30am
Leopard Star Reception	January 29 at 4:00pm
Houston County Spelling Bee	January 30
National School Counseling Week	February 2-6
PTO (Pre-k, k, and 1 st grades perform)	February 10 at 6:00pm

Math PACT Time	February 13 at 1:00pm
President's Day Holiday	February 16
Winter Break	February 17-23
Million Minutes 750,000 minutes assembly	February 26
Read Across America Day	March 2
Georgia Fifth Grade Writing Assessment	March 4
Paraprofessional's Appreciation Day	March 10
Spring Pictures	March 24

13. Agenda for next meeting

Seek information about Walmart grant
Distinguished Title I funds update
Incentives for grade level stretch goals
CRCT PACT Time follow up
Incentives for reading logs
Pizza served at next council meeting

14. Executive Session (if necessary)

15. Adjournment

Chairperson Kaszuba motioned, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Lazunia Frierson

Second: Stacey Kincer

Vote: 5:0

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

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