

Minutes of Miller Elementary School Council Meeting

November 16, 2011

The Miller Elementary School Council met in regular session on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 7:30A.M. in the Professional Learning, at 101 Pine Valley Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088.

School Council Members Present: Joseph Havens, Laura Paschal, James Leach, Amanda Miliner, Mary Matthews, Dr. Pearson-Kilgore, and Brandi Burgess.

School Council Members Absent: Brad Barfield

6 members were present, representing a quorum.

The following visitors attended the meeting: 0

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Paschal called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. Chairperson Paschal distributed the agenda posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. The agenda was approved by council members.

2. Inspiration

There was no inspirational message.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Paschal led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

4. Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Pascal distributed the agenda posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. The agenda was approved by council members. Moved, seconded, and carried that the school council approve the agenda as presented.

Motion: Mrs. Miliner; Second: Brandi Burgess

Vote: 6 Yes 6 No 0 6:0

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Havens Second: Mrs. Matthews

Vote: Yes 6 No 0 6:0

6. Recognition of Visitors

No visitors

7. Presentation(s) to School Council

Thinking Maps Training was discussed by Mrs. Milner and Mrs. Burgess. It was a recent Staff Professional Development training all teachers attended. Thinking Maps are based on 8 graphic organizers that will be systematically taught to each student over the next several months. The organizers require higher order thinking skills. Teachers will begin implementing the strategies after Thanksgiving.

Dr. Pearson-Kilgore also explained that Miller received the Georgia School Bell Award for a 5 year old tutoring program the staff operates in an apartment complex building. The program serves 25-30 students twice per week to help with academics. Data has shown success.

8. Report of Principal

Dr. Pearson-Kilgore presented information about Macon State College Family Literacy Night which will occur on December 1st. 6:00-7:00pm. Macon State Teacher Program students cooperate with teachers to provide literacy activities based on Georgia Performance Standards. Teacher Program students bring activities to allow families to participate with students on the night of the event and also make items to be taken home to provide extended practice.

9. Old Business

No old business.

10. New Business

Dr. Pearson-Kilgore explained and provided the group with Miller's Title I Improvement Plan. She explained our Title I goals and strategies to reach those goals. The group perused the document as it was briefly explained. Dr. Pearson-Kilgore implored the team to read the document at their own pace and communicate with her any questions or comments.

Mrs. Matthews, Miller's Parent Volunteer Coordinator handed out and explained a document, "The Georgia Family-Friendly Partnership School Awards." This is an award that Miller is applying for to be commended for its exceptional commitment to fostering welcoming environments to encourage families to become active in improving student achievement and success. The application deadline is February 1, 2012.

Mrs. Paschal noted that she and Mr. Leach had attended School Council training at The Board of Education and found it be very insightful.

11. Plan for Next Meeting

Teachers will discuss the application of their Thinking Maps training. Mrs. Matthews will give an update about The Georgia Family-Friendly Partnership School Awards.

Motion Entered: Mr. Leach Second: Mrs. Matthews

Vote: Yes 6 No 0 6:0

11. No executive session was held

12. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the School Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m..

Motion: Mrs. Pascal; Second: Mrs. Miliner

Vote: 6 Yes 0 No

The next meeting of the Miller Elementary School Council will be held on February 15, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. in the Professional Learning Room at Miller.