

Thomson Middle School Council

Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2011

The Thomson Middle School Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 7 a.m. in the Thomson Middle School Office Conference Room, 301 Thomson Street, Centerville, GA

School Council Members Present: Tammy Dunn, Principal
Kynette Cheatham, Parent/Business - Council Chair
Donna Butler, Parent - Vice-Chair
Kimberly Tinsley, Teacher -Secretary
Robert Clark, Parent/Business
Kasi Morstad, Parent
Ronald Williams, Teacher

School Council Members Absent: N/A

Visitors: None

1. **Call to order**

Principal, Tammy Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Principal, Tammy Dunn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Mrs. Dunn distributed the agenda posted pursuant to the Open Meeting Act. Moved, seconded and carried that the school council approve the agenda as presented and prepared by Mrs. Dunn

Motion: Ms. Tinsley; Second: Mrs. Cheatham

Vote: 7 yes, 0 no

4. **Introductions**

Mrs. Dunn welcomed newly elected members: Kimberly Tinsley, Ronald Williams, Dinna Butler, Kynette Cheatham, Robert Clark, and Kasi Morstad.

5. **Election of officers for 2010-2011**

Chair: Mr. Williams nominated Mrs. Kynette Cheatham, Ms. Tinsley seconded. Motion carried with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes

Vice-chair: Mrs. Morstad nominated, Mrs. Butler. Ms. Tinsley seconded. Motion carried with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes

Secretary: Mrs. Cheatham nominated Ms. Tinsley. Mrs. Butler seconded. Motion carried with 7 yes votes, 0 no votes

6. **Adopt Bylaws**

Mrs. Dunn distributed the TMS School Council Handbook to each council member which included revisions made in September 2011. The revisions noted were the dates of the meeting on page 11. Mrs. Dunn referenced the 10 School Council Codes of Ethics. The council then approved the adoption of these bylaws.

Motion: Mrs. Butler, Second: Mrs. Morstad

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No

7. **Principals Report**

Personnel: Mrs. Dunn reported that all personnel positions were filled.

AYP Report: Mrs. Dunn reported that Thomson Middle School made AYP for the 2010-11 school year. This reflects our exceeding the state standards of passage in Math (75.7%) and Reading/Language Arts (80%).

Title 1 2010 Report: Mrs. Dunn reported that the \$125,000 in Title 1 funding is covering the costs of 2 positions, full time Parent Involvement Coordinator and Math Remediation Teacher, neither of which are funded at the Board of Education level. In addition to these two salaries, the Title one funding includes, but is not limited to: parent workshops, supplementary supplies for classroom instruction, teacher training, and teacher release days for planning, and substitute funding for teacher training/ release days.

Goals and Objectives from School Strategic Improvement Plan: Mrs. Dunn explained the objectives of the School Improvement Plan:

1. Improving overall student achievement: focus will be on Response to Interventions, Progress Monitoring, and
2. Closing sub-population achievement gaps
3. Improving stakeholder/safety
4. Increasing organizational/professional learning

8. **GAPSS Analysis**

Thomson Middle will go through a GAPSS Analysis on September 15 and 16, 2011.

This analysis is used to evaluate our programs through data-driven, research-based practices. The Georgia Assessment of Performance on School Standards (GAPSS) Analysis is intended to provide a process of data collection and verification of a school's status and offer specific direction for school improvement.

9. **Adjournment:** Mrs. Cheatham announced the next meeting as December 6, 2011 at 7 am then adjourned the Thomson Middle School Council at 7:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Tinsley, Thomas Middle School Council Secretary