

Lee County Elementary School
School Council Minutes
March 28, 2017
7:30 AM

- I. Call Meeting to Order (Mrs. Hunter called our meeting to order at 7:30 AM)
- II. Approval of Agenda (approved)
- III. Approval of Minutes from January (approved)

- IV. Principal's Report
 - A. **Odyssey of the Mind** (Mr. Carpenter stated that the team of 7 students presented an eight minute skit about saving creativity. They placed 4th out of 17 teams. This means they advance to state competition which will be held April 1 at Columbus State University. The team also won one of two OMER awards given for strong character)
 - B. **Young Georgia Authors' Writing Contest** (Mrs. Moore-Williams walked us through the process of this contest. Students in all grades could submit any form/genre of writing. We had a school contest. A student from each 4th and 5th grade advanced to the district competition. Both advanced to the RESA competition. Olivia van der Walt the 4th grader has advanced to state competition.)
 - C. **GA Milestones Testing** (Mrs. Oliver reported that testing will begin the second week after spring break. All students will be testing on-line. Students have been and will continue to take practice tests to become familiar with testing program. Mrs. Olive stated that 5th grade will be the only grade testing science and social studies this year. She is anticipating great scores.)
 - D. **School Choice** (Mrs. Black stated there is an online application for this now; there are about 25 students choosing LCES at this point; the window closes at 3:00 March 31.)
 - E. **Summer School** (Mrs. Black stated that summer school is being expanded to include 4th graders this year; each elementary school will have 20 slots for 4th and 5th graders--10 for each grade--with a total of 40 students to participate in summer school.)
 - F. **Spring Fling** Mrs. Black stated that the spring fling was a huge undertaking but also a huge success; She appreciates those on the council that volunteered and donated items.

- V. Needs Assessment

Recruitment of teachers:

2017 System Job Fair (about 150 resumes were received)

Applitrack System (application process is now online)

Certification Upgrades (Mrs. Black is excited about the number of recommendation forms she has been completing for teachers wanting to obtain advanced degrees.)

Retention of teachers: (at this time, LCES has one teacher retiring)

Professional Learning and Training:

For teachers (workdays are filled with professional learning; each Tuesday, administration or a support staff personnel meets with teachers during planning; content area teachers meet an additional day during their planning; teachers have attended several good workshops at RESA and have then delivered to colleagues)

For paraprofessionals (many sit in on the teacher staff development; paras just received training on handling behavior issues)

For administrators (meeting with Mark Wilson; GLISI; Super Summit)

Meeting the Needs of ALL Students

SWD (good inclusion teachers that are working well with regular education teachers)

ESOL (inclusion model continues to work well; just completed ACCESS testing; waiting for results)

EIP (added morning monitor group; students are receiving at least 90 minutes of on-grade level instruction then additional 45/50 minutes)

Gifted (pulled out for 50 minutes a day)

Reducing Class Size:

Projected Numbers for 2017-2018 (pupil/teacher ratio)

Third grade: 231 (10 teachers; 23.1 per class)

Fourth grade: 238 (8 teachers; 29.7 per class)

Fifth grade: 216 (7 teachers; 30.8 per class)

Equitable Opportunities for ALL students

Teacher experience (principals work together on the transitional years to ensure students do not have teachers with less than 3 years' experience consecutive years nor that students will have teachers that will be out for extended periods of time two years in a row)

IC scheduler (very helpful in placing students)

Student Data

School Improvement Plan and Data Analysis

CCRPI <http://www.gadoe.org/CCRPI/Pages/default.aspx>

GA Milestones Scores (see handout)

GA Milestones SGPs

Balanced Scorecard

Strategic Plan <http://www.lee.k12.ga.us/lcss/about-us.html>

SIP (see handouts from previous meeting)

60 Day Plans (see handouts from previous meetings-Lexile/Discipline)

iLearn (see handout)

iStation (see handout)

CFAs (data cycles are conducted over power standards)

Write Score scores (see handout)

Community/Business Survey <https://goo.gl/forms/LxJfIjBI02FfSYxZ2>

Parent Survey <https://goo.gl/forms/iSDI173I1dY6B9dI2>

VI. Election of School Council Members (our business partners will remain on the council; election for two parent representatives will be conducted in the Aug/Sept time frame next school year)

VII. Handouts

LCES Newsletter

iLearn/iStation Data

Write Score Data

GA Milestones Historical Data

School Improvement Process

VIII. Adjourn