

School Council News



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TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE FEBRUARY 15, 2017 MEETING

Council Members:

Kim Montalbano
Principal

Videssa Ormsby
Parent/Chairperson

Carla Page
Teacher/Secretary

David Ratner - Parent

Josie Wolfe
Parent

Robert Tidwell
Parent

Paul Hutto - Parent

Lynne Montgomery
Teacher



The next School Council meeting will be on May 3, 2017 in the WES conference room. Visitors are welcome to attend. This includes teachers, parents, and community members.

The WES Foundation

Mr. Robert Tidwell has created a Woodstock Elementary School Foundation that will provide funding for our school. Mr. Tidwell personally covered the expenses for forming the WES Foundation and is now applying for 501(c)(3) non-profit status. Once non-profit status is secured, it will be retroactive and fundraising can begin quickly. Mr. Tidwell is hoping to begin operating the WES Foundation the day after the last day of this school year.

Currently, Mr. Tidwell is looking for volunteers to serve on the board of the WES Foundation. Volunteers will be responsible for fundraising and managing funds. Board members will work to establish relationships with local businesses who are willing to support our school and community through the WES Foundation.

The board will meet quarterly and initial board members will be required to make a financial contribution to the Foundation in order to cover initial expenses. Ms. Montalbano will send out notifications through Aspen asking members of the community to participate.

Title 1 Initiatives—Ana Vescio

- ◆ Positive phone calls home - parents are very excited to hear great things about their children and students are encouraged.
- ◆ Kindergarten/First Grade
 - ⇒ Reading and Fluency
- ◆ Third—Fifth Grade
 - ⇒ Georgia Milestones parent meeting with Dr. Jennifer Scrivner, Director of Assessment



Garden Update

There are three companies preparing proposals for the garden space. All three are from the Woodstock area and have ties to the community. O'Neill Landscaping, Hutchinson Landscaping, and Trey Glassman will all evaluate the space and provide ideas and estimates.

The Garden committee is established and many ideas for involving the community are in the works.

Josie Wolfe suggested the idea of participating in the Subaru Loves the Earth project which is a once a year event. Subaru provides garden supplies and plants. Ms. Wasserman will contact Subaru to learn more.

New Playground Equipment

Ms. Montalbano has requested approval by the CCSD for shades over the picnic tables in the courtyard as well as new playground equipment. Once approved, construction of the new playground in the courtyard will begin.





CCSD & WES UPDATES

Allotments for 2017-18 School Year

- * Kindergarten = 9 teachers (22 student max)
- * 1st grade = 10 teachers (23 student max)
- * 2nd grade = 9 teachers (23 student max)
- * 3rd grade = 8 teachers (23 student max)
- * 4th grade = 7 teachers (32 student max)
- * 5th grade = 7 teachers (32 student max)

Computer Lab 903

- * Will be available for teacher sign up next year

Enrollment Updates

- * 1175 students as of 2/15/17
- * Enrollment is stable
- * 1200+ students projected for 2017-18



Cherokee County School District Accreditation

AdvancED visited the school district on January 29, 2017. The CCSD accreditation status was renewed and the school district received very positive feedback. Comments shared by AdvancED cited some overall themes within the school district, such as a “cohesive, supportive governing board that understands its roles and responsibilities, a commitment to shared values, and strong, visionary leadership”. Parent engagement, a commitment to improve, and proactive and persistent communication efforts were also noted within the district. CCSD scored above average on IEQ results from AdvancED in the areas of teaching and learning impact, leadership capacity and resource utilization.

One recommendation by AdvancED was to “fully implement the Instructional Framework initiative in order to refine and enhance the instructional process used by teachers to systematically support quality student learning across all classrooms in the school system”.

Public Notice:

If you would like to review any of the documents shared at the School Council meeting, please contact Carla Page by email at carla.page@cherokee.k12.ga.us or by phone (770) 704-1320.