

School Council News



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TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 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 November 9, 2016, in the WES conference room. Visitors are welcome to attend. This includes teachers, parents, and community members.

PBIS Initiative

Ms. Wasserman updated everyone on PBIS and how well it is working at WES. PBIS has been used at WES for several years. This program includes matrices to address areas in all areas of the school, using positive reinforcement.



PBIS uses a three tier system:

Pride of the Paws = (previously known as Student of the Month) from each homeroom.

Pride of the Wildcats = The top five point earners in each pack.

Pride of Woodstock = One of the top five point earners is chosen to represent the entire school.

Ms. Wasserman shared how teachers are involved in planning and updating PBIS. Teachers were asked for feedback on how they feel about the program and it's implementation this year. Teachers were asked to share what they liked and did not like about the program. Over half of the teachers feel the program is a success. Some changes for next year will include using Class DOJO to track points earned by students. School Council members suggested and discussed the idea of planning team bonding activities for students next year.

Title I Initiatives and Feedback

- ◆ New Family Coffee—these meetings are held monthly to welcome new families to Woodstock Elementary.
- ◆ Diligence Ceremony—recognizes students with excellent attendance.
- ◆ Volunteers from Sojourn Church continue to help at the library each week providing homework support.
- ◆ English classes for adults are ongoing.
- ◆ Parent Surveys—coming out in April. These surveys ask for parent's feedback on areas throughout our school. This data is evaluated and used to make improvements at WES.

- ◆ Parent Engagement conference held in February – Jessica Ruiz served as co-chair of onsite registration and packet pickup. This conference focused on motivating students to see their potential, erasing barriers, and providing support for students.
- ◆ Kindergarten—Bridging meeting with parents of new Kindergarten students held on same day as registration to welcome families and prepare them and their children for Kindergarten.
- ◆ Georgia Milestones meeting at WES with Dr. Gayle McLaurin 2/25/16 at 6:30

PTA Board Initiatives

- ◆ Bingo Night - March 4th
- ◆ Soccer Fields—PTA provided new goals, weed and feed for each field, and PTA also purchased a machine to make lines on the field.
- ◆ Packed gravel path that was proposed around the soccer fields was not approved by CCSD. PTA looked into asphalt paths but this was not feasible because of the price.
- ◆ Media Center makeover—new furniture (tables and chairs). 12 new touch screen computers will also be added to the media center.
- ◆ Fun Run will be moved from the Spring to the Fall of 2016. This Fun Run will be our big fundraiser for next school year.

NO WAIVER NEXT YEAR

Third graders have to pass the ELA portion of the Georgia Milestones to be promoted next year, and fifth graders must pass math and ELA sections to be promoted to the 6th grade.

Enrollment

Woodstock Elementary School student enrollment remains consistent with 1143 students as of 1/21/16.





STAFF UPDATES

Teachers and Administrators...

- * Katie Grooms joined the Kindergarten team
- * Lauren Hagood, Amy Walker, and Sheri Brauchler joined 1st grade
- * Dillon Scott and Lauren McQuade joined 3rd grade
- * Rebecca Robinson and Ashley Amos joined 5th grade
- * Jonathan Hall is the new Assistant Principal for grades 3-5

Office Staff...

- * Katherine Cobb

Parapros...

- * Dena Gregory
- * Lisa Bryan
- * Susan Wood

Lunch Monitors...

- * Shelly D'Cunha



School Council members met and discussed leadership qualities they look for in a principal. This list was compiled and approved by members for the 2016-17 school year.

Leadership Qualities of a Principal

Woodstock Elementary

2016-17

A highly effective principal is able to...

1. Always do what is best for WES children.
2. Communicate clearly, consistently, and frequently with WES stakeholders
3. Be transparent and fair to WES stakeholders
4. Clearly define expectations for staff, parents, and students.
5. Motivate staff, parents and students to be the best they can be.
6. Collaborate with all WES stakeholders to use their talents, abilities and past experiences to the benefit of WES and the community
7. Be humble and lead with a servant's heart
8. Be caring and compassionate
9. Be professional
10. Be persistent



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