

## **Principal's Advisory Council Minutes**

**February 22, 2018**

**Location: Room # 24**

In attendance: Sheila George, Chair

Kesha Wood, Secretary

Madeline Alvarado, Parent Liaison

Tiffany Davis-Peoples, Parent

Lori Matthews, Teacher

Claudia Bernal, Parent

Amelida Centeno, Parent

Ms. George called the meeting to order at 9:10.

- 1) Mrs. George welcomed all in attendance.
- 2) Ms. George reviewed the agenda.
- 3) Minutes were read by Ms. Wood.
- 4) Ms. Davis-Peoples attended the Cross Council Meeting. She stated that the District spoke specifically about how funds are allocated. The Dunwoody High School cluster of schools met to see how students can be better prepared at the elementary and middle school levels. She explained the Move Ahead When Ready Program.
- 5) Mrs. Matthews shared how to find the Parent Guides on the DeKalb county School District Website. These guides have not been translated into Spanish yet. The Parent Guides show what students are learning at each grade level in all subject areas.
- 6) Five students have been referred to the Solicitor General's Office/Court for excessive absences. Ms. Matthews asked if excessive tardiness counted. Ms. George told her that tardiness no longer count toward CCRPI. She went on to say that the Health Department must be contacted if the absence rate is at 10% or more in a single day due to illness.

7) Ms. George explained Math and Science Night has been rescheduled to March 8<sup>th</sup>. The following groups will be in attendance:

- Fernbank Science (Inflatable Planetarium)
- Dunwoody Nature Center (Reptile Ramble)
- Subzero Ice Cream
- The clubs and organizations at Hightower ES

There will also be 2 PBOM performances to accommodate all the parents that want to see their children perform. This Friday, students can wear the colors of their countries. Also, next week Hightower will celebrate Black History Month. On Monday, they may dress as their favorite African American athlete, and Tuesday as an African American Historical Figure.

FYI: For security purposes, a School Resource Officer comes to Hightower once a week. DeKalb now has 2 K-9 units and when they come to a school, the school will automatically go into Level 3 Lockdown.

Possible Fundraisers were also discussed:

- Movie Night
- Father/Daughter or Mother/Son Dance
- Dance for younger students

8) Suggestions given for next meeting agenda are as followed:

- Cross Council Meeting Update by Tiffany Davis-Peoples.
- Outdoor Classroom Dedication is tentatively scheduled for March.
- Allotment Meeting scheduled in March.

9) Meeting adjourned at 10:00