

Cartersville Elementary School/School Governance Council

Minutes-October 21, 2024

I. Welcome

- Members present-Mrs. Becky Bryant, Mr. Gary Morris, Caroline Womack, Nan Adsit, Patrick Murphy, Ben Hamrick, Alexis Pritchard, Mayra Cortes, Tracey Baker

II. Old Business:

- Review September minutes
- Introduction of new member, Mayra Cortes

III. Principal's Report

- School Improvement Plan-Strategies to Area of Focus #1, #2, and #3 will be updated but only small tweaks. Removing "Teacher Teams" and replacing with "STEAM Teams" instead so as to not "Team" teachers to death.
- Capturing Kids' Hearts-student surveys will be presented to see if students respond more strongly to intrinsic or extrinsic motivators.
- Literacy training over new curriculum will occur over the next 2 years (stretching it out over 2 years, because the training is hefty). Concern was shared over the compensation of teachers' time doing the 45 hour certification necessary for this literacy training. Hopefully, teachers will receive a stipend for time spent out of the classroom working on this certification. It is hoped that Support Teachers (non-academic area teachers) will be able to do a condensed version of this training this will only take 25 hours to complete. Stretching out student conferences was also mentioned in terms of teacher bandwidth and time allowed for other things during the conference window.
- School Resource Officer-The goal is to have a full-time SRO and full technology for them. We now have a computer, SRO generic email address, Centegix badge and cell phone and walkie-talkie. So, technology has improved...next step will be a full-time SRO.
- Lockdown drill-still working on audio/volume issues of the alarms, but all else went well. Soft lockdown drills will continue until the audio is rectified.
- Fall MAPS-no summer drop from Spring to Fall scores, which is a good sign

IV. New Business

- Officers for School Governance Council at CES will remain the same for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Calendar committee update-calendar survey will go out soon to all stake holders to include the options for the next 3 years. Calendar will then go in front of the board for implementation.
- SGC guest speaker suggestions-Neal Brunt
- Graffiti on bathroom walls "incident" was handled very well by administration. Message delivered loud and clear to 5th graders that we are a family and don't disrespect each other that way. No new incidents have occurred.

V. Next meeting date- December 2