

Crabapple Crossing Elementary School
Local School Advisory Council
September 14, 2011

Members Present: George Freiberger, Maureen Curtis, Paul Hulsing, Natalie Reilly, Kelley Belker, and Jackie Arnold

Call to order 9:00 A.M., September 14, 2011
Minutes from last meeting and agenda approved

Maureen introduced new members and asked where we want to go as a committee. One goal for last year was to create a new mission statement for the school. Mr. Freiberger explained that a committee within the school was created with teachers from all grade levels to develop a new statement. One LSAC member *may* be asked to join that committee. The goal is to have a new mission statement ready for the beginning of the year.

Mr. Freiberger handed out binders to new members and explained some issues discussed in May, LSAC organization, SIP, and by-laws.

New Business:

We need to get an email address added to school website (talk with Mr. Nation). We want to be accessible (mailboxes and bulletin board)

Jackie Arnold will be the LSAC secretary for the 2011-2012 school year.

Charter School System was the main issue discussed at Katie Reeves meeting and September Cluster Meeting. Kelly Brolly came at 9:30 A.M to give us more information about a charter school system. She educated us on the current structure and proposed structure of the Fulton County School System in Georgia Public Schools. A “blanket waiver of Title 20” is a consideration and would give total control to the charter system without specifications.

Parent Letters:

- 1) Parent letter addressed a desire to have individual Wordly Wise workbooks for each student. The biggest obstacle is money. Our Student Enrichment Fund provides many resources for teachers, but there is only so much money to fund materials. The suggestion was made that students keep the Wordly Wise packets in a binder throughout the school year. By the end of the year, students will have a great collection of vocabulary words. The goal when Wordly Wise was purchased was to increase vocabulary and implement a school-wide vocabulary program that

teachers could use at every grade level. There is a Wordly Wise website: www.wordlywise3000.com to review and play online games.

- 2) Parent letter addressed concerns about communication being duplicated. We are working on this issue. Only flyers that are affiliated with our school, the City of Milton, or the City of Alpharetta will come home with students. The School Board has purchased a system called School Messenger that will be sending out reminders via email.
- 3) Parent letter addressed the issue of a 0.2 mile stretch on Mid-Broadway that does not have a sidewalk for students to walk on. A grant was submitted in conjunction with the City of Alpharetta to get a sidewalk put in place on this stretch. This project was not approved. Please contact Sara Leaders or Carter Lucas, transportation engineers who work for the City of Milton, to share your concerns.

Principal's Report- Mr. Freiberger

Mr. Freiberger shared our State of School Address via PowerPoint presentation. We are a growing school!

Mr. Freiberger handed out 2011-2012 Fulton County Schools Facts at a Glance. SPLOST funds would greatly help fund needed renovations and technology needs. We would like to put a Breezeway at the front entrance to help keep the school safe and secure.

Mr. Freiberger handout out the latest design\drawing for the new playground. Fitness stations and restrooms will be part of Phase 2. Temporary restrooms will be available. Latest timeline: Break ground in October or November 2011.

Next Katie Reeves Community Meeting:

Tuesday September 20, 2011 @ 9:30am at Alpharetta Elementary School

Next LSAC Meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 @ 9:00am