

**Local School Council Minutes
Autrey Mill Middle School
October 7, 2009
7:30 am**

- **Members present:** Dr. Ann Ferrell, Sheri Sterling, Elaine Johns, Tanya Tate, Todd Podell, Mary Ann Tuggle, Jim Hensley, Kathy Bullock, Ashley Crosby, and Michelle Potts. **Absent:** Candy Rogers
- **Welcome** – Dr. Ferrell welcomed all members in the media center.
- **Area Advisory Update** – On September 10, 2009, area principals met to discuss childhood obesity and its increase over the last ten years. Future meetings are scheduled for Nov 12, Jan 14, Mar 17, May 11.
- **Principal's report** – Dr. Ferrell reported following items:

Events that have occurred since our last meeting:

New staff members

8th grade writing assessment practice – September 8

New student breakfasts

School pictures

6th grade Bruster's Ice Cream Social

Soccer Season

TBS – 8th grade – Week of September 21

Rain day out of school – Tuesday, September 22

Sixth grade field trip – Friday, September 25

Talent Show – Tuesday, September 29

Events that will occur before our next meeting:

Sixth grade dance – Thursday, October 8

Teacher Workday – Friday, October 9

Student of the Month lunch – Tuesday, October 13

Early Release Day – Wednesday, October 14

Volleyball season begins

8th grade band night at Johns Creek – Friday, October 16

Book Fair – Week of October 19

Red Ribbon Week – Week of October 19

Progress reports – October 19

Orchestra Fall Concert – October 20

Band Fall Concert – October 22

Choral Fall Concert – October 27

8th grade trip – October 28-30

General election – November 3

7th grade dance – Thursday, November 5

Student of the Month lunch – Tuesday, November 10

Career Day and Early Release Day – Wednesday, November 18

6th grade band and orchestra concert – Thursday, November 19

Fall play – Monday, November 23

Thanksgiving holiday – November 25-27

- **School Improvement Plan – The three areas that the school will focus on this year are: Math, Science, and 8th writing. Goals and strategies have already been discussed and are in the process of being implemented. While most of our students meet expectations (Level 2), focus will be on raising our number of students who exceed expectations (Level 3).**
- **School Calendar Options – Proposed calendars for 2010-11, and 2011-12 were discussed. Board member Ashley Widener may be contacted with input or questions. Various changes include longer but fewer days, later start and finish times, and semester lengths being more evenly split.**
- **New Business – Kathy Bullock introduced the idea of a School Honor Code. The focus was on cheating, lying, and stealing. A consensus was reached that Student Council could be used to help reach the students with a clear, concise message and agreement across the school including but not limited to a student contract.**
- **The agenda for the December 2nd meeting was discussed and developed. On tap for discussion is a report from school counselors about bullying and harassing. This report will include what we see, and how we are addressing the issue in school.**
- **The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 am.**