

Esther Jackson Elementary School Governance Council

Minutes for August 6, 2019

Members Present: Regina Bowie, Nikol Boyd, Christopher Massie, Erin Shurbutt, Jill Vitagliano, Mike Thomas, Emilie Long, Julianna Pedraza, Kim Sonderman,

Members Absent: Helen Loiacono

Call to Order: At 5:05 the meeting was called to order.
No public in attendance for public comment.

Approve Agenda:

- Kim Sonderman motioned to approve the agenda and Erin Shurbutt seconded.

Approve Minutes:

- Mike Thomas motioned to approve the minutes and Regina Bowie seconded.

Business:

- Introduced members of SGC.
- Nikol Boyd nominated Rachael Lee to serve in the community member position. Rachel Lee is a community and business partner, and she has two students that attend EJ.
- Erin Shurbutt motioned for Rachael Lee to serve in the community member position. Kim Sonderman seconded.
- The council reviewed our current norms. The council added "Maintain confidentiality" to our norms.
- The council reviewed the descriptions of each officer's role. The council elected on the following officers:
 - Nikol Boyd nominated Erin Shurbutt for SGC Chair and Mike Thomas seconded.
 - Mike Thomas nominated Regina Bowie for SGC Vice-Chair and Emilie Long seconded.
 - Kim Sonderman nominated Rachael Lee for SGC Parliamentarian and Regina Bowie seconded.
- The council reviewed the responsibilities of each committee. The council agreed on the following committee chairs and members.

Budget & Finance

- Chair: Kim Sonderman
- Members: Mike Thomas, Erin Shurbutt, Christopher Massie

Outreach & Communications

- Chair: Emilie Long
- Members: Julianna Pedraza, Helen L., Regina Bowie, Rachael Lee

Principal Selection

- Members: Erin Shurbutt (SGC Chair), Kim Sonderman, Christopher Massie, Emilie Long
- The council reviewed current strategic plan.

Principal's Report:

- Nikol discussed the current staffing positions. Our current projections and teachers in most grades look good. Nikol is watching the numbers in kindergarten, those enrollment numbers are a bit low.
 - Jessica Hodge is the new literacy coach. Susan Graham, the past literacy coach, went to work with the Governor's Office of Student Achievement.
 - Kelly Lahey is the new clinic assistant.
 - Laura Williams is the new bookkeeper.
 - Betty Johnson is the new Pre-K teacher and Felicia Wagner is her new para.
 - Morgan Wylie is a new kindergarten teacher.
 - Allie Kiess and Keiu-Ahn Velazco are new first grade teachers. Kim Sanchez, a veteran EJ teacher, is new to the first grade team.
 - Lindsey Sather is a returning teacher and has joined the second grade team.
 - Kellie Cleveland is a new second grade teacher.
 - Tracy Costa is a veteran teacher from Gwinnett, and new to the third grade team.
 - Hilary Moscovitz and Brittany Boyajan are veteran teachers, but new to EJ, and have joined the fifth grade team.
 - Hedijah Al-Amin is a veteran teacher joining the ESOL team.
 - Robin Jabrocki is new to the EIP team.
 - Kim Kiesler is a veteran EJ teacher who will be part-time EIP and part-time STEM. She will support science instruction and do STEM activities with students in grades 3-5.
 - The only vacancy, at this point, is an ESOL para position.
- The electronic marquee had to go out to bid due to the amount of money. The bid is due August 13th.
- This year's theme at Esther Jackson is "positive energy" based on the book The Positive Energy Bus by John Gordan.
- This year there will be an attendance campaign: Less Than 5. Be Present. All Day. Every Day.
 - The campaign will include prizes for students (bikes, Kindle readers), celebrations, walking a red carpet, and attendance posters.

- Nikol moved the discussion on After School Language Program to the next meeting. Nikol is waiting to receive more information from this program. She will share more information with the council once she receives it.

Future SGC Meetings:

The council agreed to look at the 2nd or 4th Thursdays as potential new meeting days. This will be determined at the next meeting.

Announcements:

PTA Movie Night: August 23rd. Mike Thomas will find a sponsor.

Approved:

- Minutes from April 30, 2019 Meeting
- Agenda for August 6, 2019 Meeting

At 6:37pm Christopher Massie motioned to end the meeting, Emilie Long seconded.

Next Meeting: August 27, at 5:00 p.m.