

Esther Jackson Elementary School Governance Council
Minutes for August 27, 2019

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

Members Absent: Helen Loiacono

Guest(s): Erin King

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

Approve Agenda:

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

Approve Minutes:

- Kim Sonderman motioned to approve the minutes and Regina Bowie seconded.

Business:

- Introduced members of SGC to Erin King, North East Learning Community Facilitator.
- The Council reviewed the calendar for the upcoming year and set future meetings for Thursday evenings.
- Committee meetings will be held at 4:15 pm on the day of scheduled SGC meeting, as follows:

Budget & Finance

November
January

Outreach & Communications

September
October
February
March/April (based on election needs)

Grant Committee

September
Meet throughout year, as needed

- Erin King spoke about upcoming officer trainings. Erin Shurbutt and Regina Bowie will attend the officer training on September 9th as chair and vice chair.
- Erin King provided an overview of the SGC conference which will be held on September 21st at Riverwood from 8:00 am -12:30 pm. The following council members would like to attend: Regina Bowie, Nikol Boyd, Emilie Long, Erin Shurbutt.

Principal's Update:

- Construction on the electronic marquis is expected to begin in September and will last approximately 2 weeks.
 - Kelly Williamson and Kathy Reid will be trained in the marquis software and will keep the display up-to-date.
- Beginning in September, Chris180 will begin offering mental health services to EJES students and families. All services will be offered in English and Spanish.
- Ms. Boyd gave an update on the attendance challenge and shared some numbers from the first few weeks of school.
 - Ms. Seone was selected to participate in a Harvard University study that will look at our attendance data.
- The Council participated in a protocol to help guide discussion surrounding data presentation of 2018-2019 survey results.
 - The council agreed that the results were great overall.
 - Areas of growth: keeping stakeholders informed and keeping personal interests and biases out of the meeting, when possible.
 - Discussion moved to the Fulton County staff survey results. The council pondered why some of the numbers fell below 70% and discussed various factors.
- Updates on flexible funds and soliciting parent input will be discussed at a future meeting to allow more time for discussion.

Approved:

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

At 6:37pm Rachael Lee motioned to end the meeting and Kim Sonderman seconded.

Next Meeting: September 26th at 5:00 p.m.