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Principal

Hopewell Middle School Governance Council

11/10/2021 | 7:30am | *Location* Virtual

SGC Members

Mr. Michael LeMoyné, Principal

Ms. Geri Southall, Teacher

Mr. Matt Hill, Teacher

Ms. Barbara Perkins, Appointed Staff (Parliamentarian)

Mr. Isaac Howard, Community Member

Mr. David Walden, Appointed Staff

Mr. Jit Saha, Parent

Ms. Laura Phelan, Parent, Chairperson

Ms. Liz Dinnsen, Community Member

Ms. Farah Kashlan, Parent

	Item	Owner
7:30 am	Call to Order	Laura Phelan
7:31 am	Action Item: Approve Agenda Motion: Geri Southall Second: David Walden Approved: All	Laura Phelan
7:33 am	Action Item: Approve Meeting Minutes from October 13, 2021 Motion: Jit Saha Second: Geri Southall Approved: All	Laura Phelan
7:33 am	Informational Item: Review of Four Points from Parent Survey. Fall 2021 1. Parents frustrated with the TEAMS program that teachers use. In addition to helping parents understand this program; also, remind parents that families have a free download of Microsoft Office to their personal devices. HMS plans to offer an evening event in addition during second semester to help parents and/or students with TEAMS; put a "how to" recording online. 2. Terminology used in grading, such as Assessment, Major, Minor, Tests, Quizzes. These terms have been confusing for some parents. 3. Concerns about math classes: gaps in learning, pacing; for example, Increase awareness of current extended learning opportunities –help sessions before school, during school; HMS plans to organize a study club or help session club during second semester. 4. Discipline: overall problems have improved in restrooms, etc. We have begun PBIS for 2021-2022. This positive reinforcement and support has decreased recent behavior problems.	Geri Southall

Amy Cousin
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Harris Quraishy
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Stephanie Sosebee
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7:42 am

Informational Item: Review of November 4 Superintendent’s Council meeting:

Laura Phelan

- Mixed reaction to the FCS holiday for celebrating the Braves. Some feedback was that there was not enough notice.
- Mid-year pay increase for staff, minimum hourly rate for support staff will increase to \$16 per hour.
- 2.3% increase for full-time employees in 2022.
- Money will come from current, vacant positions, and the government relief package.
- Laura will be sharing a copy of the legislative, policy priorities for January 2022.
- As for academics, FCS is advocating the discontinuation of both Milestones and EOC testing beginning the spring of 2023. This state board policy priority, replacing Milestones and EOC testing, is called MAP GROWTH, an assessment for measuring achievement and growth in K–12 math, reading, language usage, and science. This new assessment is more progress-based than traditional testing, and it tests both expected and stretch growth. Again, this change will not affect the spring 2022 testing which will continue to include Milestones and EOC testing, the results of which will not harm student transitions or transcripts.

8:04 am

Michael LeMoyne

Informational Item: Principal’s Update

COVID 19 Update: North Fulton is currently 87.2 cases per 100,000 people; however, the South is showing cases just above the 100 mark.

HMS is seeing fewer and fewer cases, so we are easing up on some of the COVID policies such as one-way hallways and students going straight to teachers when they arrive in the morning. Per normal, After Thanksgiving, we will go back to using the cafeteria and gym in the mornings. This gives teachers a break they have not had since the start of school.

In addition, we will return to the regular lunch protocol after Thanksgiving. Students will not alternate eating in the classrooms.

Finally, we will also loosen some of the visitation rules. Parents/visitors may come into the front office. Stay tuned for more on this.

Next, we will be working with the PTA members to make decisions about the annual 8th grade dance and end-of-year activities.

Shoutout to Michelle Lamkin and Barbara Perkins who work together to make sure our SGC Minutes and Summary of Actions are complete and posted on the HMS website after each meeting.



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Because E-SPOLST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) was passed during the recent election, schools will benefit greatly.

During COVID 19, with free lunches, there have been longer lines at lunchtime and less time to eat. After Thanksgiving, as mentioned earlier, we will go back to our normal routine.

We have been discouraging use of the front bathrooms because of the lack of adult supervision in that area; however, other student bathrooms are open and there has been a decrease in discipline issues involving restrooms.

8:20 am

Laura Phelan

Discussion Item: public comments (none in attendance)

8:21 am

Michael LeMoyne

Information Item: Agenda for January 12 SGC meeting: flex fund update, December iReady Diagnostic results, report from the Superintendent's Council, and an update on our response to the fall Parent Survey.

8:22 am

Laura Phelan

Action Item: Meeting Adjourned

Motion: Liz Dinnsen

Second: Jit Saha

Approved: All