

Esther Jackson Elementary School Governance Council
Minutes for August 17, 2021

Members Present: Nikol Boyd, Meghan Cherfoli, James Holle, Jill Vitagliano, Emilie Long, Mike Thomas, Christine Thompson, Zach Vaughan

Members Absent: Regina Bowie, Lianet Leyva

Guest(s): None

Call to Order: At 4:08 pm the meeting was called to order.

Approve Agenda:

James Holle motioned to approve the agenda and Christine Thompson seconded.

Approve Minutes:

Emilie Long motioned to approve the minutes and Meghan Cherfoli seconded.

Business:

Select Superintendent Council Representative

- Mike Thomas and Jill Vitagliano discussed their previous experiences as representatives. At meeting time, there were still no details available about the upcoming year. James Holle volunteered to take on the position.

Principal's Update

- Ms. Boyd gave the council an enrollment update. Based on the forecasts, the school preemptively froze one Kindergarten and one 2nd Grade teacher positions to hopefully help avoid losing a Kindergarten class. Unfortunately, it looks like we will still lose a Kindergarten class (and teacher) due to the low numbers. What is usually 90-100 students, is currently 49, leaving us 19 short. She shared possible causes for low enrollment in our community, how other Fulton schools are faring, and the potential impact of FCS's new virtual K-2 and Hub options. And finally, Ms. Boyd briefly explained how the teacher shifting may work to cover the loss.
- Curriculum night will almost definitely be virtual this year. The district has strongly discouraged in-person activities. Also, all other neighboring schools have switched to a virtual event. With the school already having several COVID cases and she expressed the importance of making certain concessions in order to maintain in-person learning. Specific examples of extra precautions taken were also given.

Community Event

- The outside community event has also been cancelled.

Additional Discussion

- Ms. Boyd was looking for options for receiving the remaining purchased outside equipment from Willy Goat. Apparently, the curbside service agreement signed does not include unloading of the 2100 lbs of large boxes. Mike Thomas will ask someone he knows who has a Bobcat with forklift attachment.

Setting Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Schedule committee meetings
- Brainstorm 2021-22 project(s) for spending SGC funds including any left over from freezing teacher positions

Meeting Adjournment:

At 5:02 pm Mike Thomas motioned to adjourn the meeting and Emilee Long seconded.

Approved:

- Minutes for July 29, 2021 meeting.
- Agenda for August 17, 2021 meeting.

Next Meeting

Scheduled: Tues Sept 21th @ 4:00 pm