

Ellijay Elementary School
School Governance Team Meeting
Tuesday, March 29, 2022
4:00 pm
EES Auditorium

Dr. Fonteboa called the meeting to order and led the team in the pledge of allegiance. Mrs. Vick made a motion to approve the agenda and Mrs. Woody seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mr. Bearden made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Mrs. Woody seconded the motion, and all were in favor. All voting members were present as well as EES Assistant Principal Ashley Stover.

I. Academic Achievement

A. Academic Field Trips

Dr. Fonteboa shared a slideshow of pictures from academic field trips that have happened in the past month. She reported that currently Kindergarten, 2nd grade, and 4th grade have already had field trips. 3rd grade, 5th grade, and 1st grade all have field trips scheduled in the next month.

B. Curriculum Mapping and [Priority Standards](#)

Mrs. Henson discussed the process the academic coaches have used to determine priority standards for the county for K-5. These standards will be used in the upcoming curriculum mapping sessions with teachers. Mrs. Henson shared that curriculum mapping helps teachers determine the order the standards will be taught and determine approximate times spent on each unit/standard as to keep the county aligned. Teachers also look at resources provided by the county to determine how each resource is best utilized for the standards. This process takes place for ELA and Math for K-5 and Science/Social Studies for 5th only.

C. Literacy in Math

Mrs. Henson shared a lesson she and some teachers had the opportunity to attend some professional development on: Math + Children's Literature: Building Math Understanding Through Stories based on the book "Math by the Book." Teachers learned how to incorporate read alouds (as reading is our district focus) in math to give math a context for students. It also helps students better understand how math is used in real life. Mrs. Henson demonstrated a lesson using the book, "The Patchwork Path: A Quilt Map to Freedom." The SGT team got a summary of the book and received a patch square to work on shapes.

II. Parent and Community Engagement

A. EES Family Night 3/24/22 Follow Up

Mrs. Woody shared that her family was unable to attend family night due to evening activities, but she had heard good reports. Mr. Bearden reported his family enjoyed being able to come in and see his daughter's classroom and they worked the event around ball practice. Mrs. Woody recommended perhaps a longer time frame next time to accommodate more schedules. The team noted the hard work of EES Media Specialist Staci McClure and the success of the book fair as part of the event. Dr. Fonteboa reported an exact count of attendees

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was not yet determined, but the school estimates hundreds of people were in attendance.

B. GCSS Family Literacy Night 4/29/22

Dr. Fonteboa explained this event will be held on Friday, April 29th from 6 pm to 8 pm at Huff-Mosley Stadium at GHS. She explained that each school as well as organizations from across the community will have booths set up. There will be lots of children's activities as well as free books for students.

C. Parent Volunteers for EES Book Fair

Mrs. Woody reported she volunteered at the book fair last week and praised the work of Mrs. McClure. She explained how every student felt included and engaged due to the activities Mrs. McClure had set up in conjunction with the book fair. Mr. Bearden said his wife volunteered as well and echoed the same thing.

D. Summer Opportunities for Students

Dr. Fonteboa explained opportunities the school district has available for students during the summer. The district will still provide the Seamless Summer Meal Program for children this summer, which includes free meals for students Monday through Thursday each week. In addition to that, during the month of June, the school district will offer one week of STEM camp available to any elementary school student in Gilmer County. This will be located at EES. The other three weeks of June, the district will offer a mobile STEM camp opportunity in densely populated communities. One week, the mobile camp will visit the Tower Road community; one week will serve the Mulberry Street apartments; and one week will serve the Lakeside community.

III. High Performing Culture and Workforce

A. Charter System Foundation - [School Governance Team Roles & Responsibilities](#)

Dr. Fonteboa shared that she would like to analyze the success of the school improvement plan with the team upon receiving results of the Georgia Milestones Assessment. Data has been presented and analyzed throughout the school year, primarily MAP data. However, analysis of the impact of the school improvement plan might be most meaningful with results of the current on-going MAP assessment and Georgia Milestones in hand. The team agreed to consider possibly a late May meeting to discuss the effectiveness of the plan.

IV. Operational Effectiveness

A. Safety

1. Highlights from GEMA Safety Inspection

Dr. Fonteboa shared some highlights that Assistant Principal Ashley Stover had prepared from the recent GEMA Safety Inspection.

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V. Fiscal Accountability

A. Book Fair Sales

Dr. Fonteboa shared gross sales, scholastic dollar rewards used, and cash amounts from the recent book fair. Dr. Fonteboa stressed that while the profit margin is not extremely large for the book fair, it does place books in the hands of students which is a positive goal.

B. Doughnut Fundraiser

Dr. Fonteboa noted the doughnut fundraiser will be the week after Spring Break, April 11th - 15th with delivery on the following Thursday, April 21st.

VI. Questions/Concerns

The team agreed to discuss a date for a possible late May meeting at the next session on April 26th. There were no further questions or concerns, and Dr. Fonteboa adjourned the meeting.