

MINUTES OF THE STATE BRIDGE CROSSING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

September 23, 2009

The SBCE School Council met on September 23, 2009. The meeting was held at SBCE, 5530 State Bridge Road, Johns Creek, GA 30022.

School Council Members Present: Trey Martin, Matt Mangan, Kathy Bullock, Cheri Skop, Amanda Jones

School Council Members Absent: Patty Lynn Webb, Julie McWilliams

Visitors Present: Mr. Mike Webb, Ms. Betsy Trawick, Ms. Betsy Kramer, Barbara Anderson

Business Partners Present: Sue Malloy

Business Partners Absent: Freda Hardage

1. Call to Order. Chairperson Skop called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to approve the agenda by Ms. Skop. It was seconded by Mr. Mangan and the motion was carried.
4. Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes by Ms. Skop and the motion was carried.
5. Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.
6. New Business:
 - Mr. Martin welcomed new members. Members went around the table and introduced themselves.
 - Amanda Jones was nominated to serve as secretary and accepted the nomination.
 - Mr. Martin gave a Power Point presentation on Value Added Performance Measures.
 - The council viewed a video on the Value Added Approach which explained how achievement is measured. This system allows schools to know where they are and where they need to go.
 - School Improvement Plan results for 2008-2009 were given by Mr. Martin. School Improvement Plan for 2009-2012 was reviewed. SAMS or the Student Achievement Management System was explained.
 - Mr. Martin gave a budget update which included the furlough of teachers and recommendations for reserves.

- Ms. Jones requested consideration of implementing a Study Skills and Test Taking Strategy curriculum for parents to help their children increase test scores and reduce anxiety. Ms. Trawick stated that a curriculum for that had been given in the past and was well received. A Parent workshop was suggested and Mr. Martin asked the council members to go back to the community to see if there was interest.
- The next meeting date was set for October 28, 2009 at 1pm.
- Field Trips were discussed. Mr. Martin shared the cost increase of buses for field trips, making them very expensive. Also, Ms. Trawick shared information about grant money availability for students who may not be able to afford to attend the Tybee trip otherwise.
- Mr. Martin asked the council to go to the community to see if they would be in favor of the Winter Celebrations theme this year, Celebrations Around the World.

7. Agenda items for the next meeting: State of the School Address, feedback from community on Testing and Study Skills workshop, and community opinion for Winter Celebrations theme.

8. Adjournment: With no further business to come before the school council, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and adjourned at 2:30 pm.