



Johnston Elementary School Council Minutes



DATE: 10-8-2020

MEETING TIME: 7:15am – 8:15am

MEETING LOCATION: Microsoft TEAMS

MEETING CALLED BY	Laura Akers, Principal
TYPE OF MEETING	Regularly Scheduled Meeting
PRINCIPAL	Laura Akers
NOTE TAKER	Meredith Rocker
BOARD ATTENDEES	Parents: Ms. Stephanie Miller, Ms. Auden Saylor, Ms. Stephanie Weathington, Ms. Christy Ray Teachers: Ms. Shelli Faulkner, Ms. Meredith Rocker Principal: Ms. Laura Akers
GUEST ATTENDESS	none

Topic: Introduction

Time Allotted: 5 minutes

Presenter: Laura Akers

Discussion: Meeting called to order at 7:15 am, Introduction of each member, each council member introduced themselves and spoke about background and excitement to serve on School Council.

Conclusions:

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
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Topic: School Council Presentation

Time Allotted: 30 minutes

Presenter: Laura Akers

Discussion: School councils were included in educational reform to improve communication and participation of parents in the community as parents and community are critical to the success of students and the school. Members, including 2 teachers and 4 parents, are elected to be on the school council for a two-year term. Council members should maintain a school-wide perspective on issues, participate in meetings, and work to improve student achievement and performance, including acting as a link between the school and the community. Council provides advice and recommendations to school administration. Officers will be elected to perform assigned duties at each council meeting. The council adopts by-laws to conduct business, including number of members, election process, replacing members, number of meetings, etc. We will have 4 meetings this year, but we may also choose to add meetings as needed. Meeting notes and minutes will be posted to the School Council link on our Johnston website in order to make minutes available to the public. Secretary must also provide a summary of the

meeting. School Council meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act – anyone can attend, but not everyone will have the ability to participate. School Council meetings are subject to Open Records. We will not discuss Confidential Records during meetings.

Motion made by Laura Akers for Christy Ray to serve as Chairperson, second by Stephanie Weathington, no debate, voted in by majority vote. Motion made by Laura Akers for Stephanie Weathington to serve as Vice-chairperson, second by Auden Saylor, no debate, voted in by majority vote. Motion made by Laura Akers for Meredith Rocker to serve as Secretary, second by Shelli Faulkner, no debate, voted in by majority vote.

Conclusions: Officers were elected: Christy Ray shall serve as Chairperson, Stephanie Weathington shall serve as Vice-chairperson, and Meredith Rocker shall serve as Secretary.

Action Items:	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
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Topic: Leadership Qualities of a Principal

Time Allotted: 15 minutes

Presenter: School Council – minus Laura Akers

DISCUSSION: Read all areas of Leadership Qualities of a Principal and discussed any revisions, changes, additions, and removals of qualities listed last year.

Conclusions: Council made a few minor changes to enhance clarity in the qualities. These changes will be made on the updated 2020-2021 Leadership Qualities of a Principal document.

Action Items: Update the 2020-2021 Leadership Qualities of a Principal	Person Responsible: Meredith Rocker	Deadline: October 9, 2020
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Topic: OPEN ITEMS: Cat Pack Continuation, Thanksgiving Baskets, Angel Tree

Time Allotted:

Presenter: OPEN ITEMS

Discussion: Continuing Cat Packs has been put on hold due to current social distancing restrictions and the inability to include digital learners with fidelity. However, looking forward, we are working to create a new program that would include all elementary schools in our zone that would address these concerns.

We hope to provide Thanksgiving Baskets, Angel Tree, and other services for our families. At this time, we need to get approval for these items.

In order to improve student success and achievement, Meredith Rocker is asking for parent feedback on barriers to student success via a Forms survey.

Conclusions:

Action Items: Seek clarification and approval for programs such	Person Responsible: Laura Akers	Deadline:
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as the Thanksgiving Baskets Send Barriers to Student Success Forms survey Complete Barriers to Student Success Forms survey	Laura Akers Parents on the school council	
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ADJOURNMENT CALLED BY	Meredith Rocker
TIME	8:17 AM
NEXT MEETING DATE:	December 10, 2020