

# Godley Station School Council | MINUTES

**Meeting date | time 03/22/2024 | Meeting location ZOOM Mtg.**

Attendees:

<b>Chairperson</b>	Mrs. Polley
<b>Principal</b>	Mr. Heady
<b>Teachers</b>	Mrs. McKenna, Mrs. Russell
<b>Parents</b>	Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Porter
<b>Business/Community Partners</b>	

Guest and others attending

Rebecca Musgrove, PTO President
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## AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	DISCUSSION and Summary*
<b>Opening: Pledge Allegiance/Inspiration</b>	The meeting was called to order at 7:03.  The council was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</b>	It was moved, seconded, and carried that today's agenda and the minutes of 02/09/2024 be approved.
<b>Special Presentations to the Council</b>	None
<b>PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction Update and Safety Considerations:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Construction is on track and moving forward; materials are arriving in a timely manner.</li> <li>○ Structural shell is complete; walls are in; framing interiors for classrooms.</li> <li>○ After Spring Break, students will not have access to the play area between wings for recess; artificial turf will be put in those places.</li> <li>○ Construction crew is aware of the need for quiet during testing times.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Testing Update:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Business partners to donate prizes/incentives for students to try their best on GMAS.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pep Rally planned to get students motivated for the test.</li> <li>○ iReady next week (March 25-28) and week after return from Spring Break (April 8-12).</li> <li>○ GMAS testing will be April 24 through May 10.</li> <li>○ Discussion ensued about donations for the Pep Rally:</li> <li>○ Mrs. Musgrove, PTO President plans to get gift cards to Dave &amp; Busters, Frames &amp; Games. Can also sponsor something with funds from the Pickles &amp; Popcorn sales. Plus, she has a list of Business Partners she can share with the school.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hiring and Planning for 2024-2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Hiring:</b> 21 new teachers allocated for GSS.</li> <li>○ Will need additional support staff; waiting on SPED allocation numbers.</li> <li>○ Mr. Heady in "hiring mode" currently; many interviews weekly.</li> <li>○ Anticipating hiring additional Connections teachers; awaiting allocations for that.</li> <li>○ Adding a writing lab next year; teacher already hired for that position who wants to make it fun and exciting.</li> <li>○ Teachers will be moving to different spaces; Middle School wing will be too full, even with added classrooms. Will move 6<sup>th</sup> grade to E-wing second floor with 5<sup>th</sup> grade.</li> <li>○ Hiring: No vacancies. Eighty applied, plus transfers, so we can be choosy. Getting experienced teachers.</li> <li>○ <b>Planning for 2024-25:</b> Working on getting Business/Community Partners list updated.</li> <li>○ Shared with Leadership Team; get contact info updated.</li> <li>○ List will be shared with School Council, once updated.</li> <li>○ Question about 6<sup>th</sup> grade Advanced Content for next year considering those who come to us from New Hampstead K-8.</li> <li>○ NH K-8 is getting teacher recommendations and test scores together for next year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>OLD BUSINESS:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● N/A</li> </ul>
<p><b>NEW BUSINESS:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Election of Parents to School Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Current Parents in Second Year: Laina Porter, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Jordan.</li> <li>○ Mr. Heady expressed his appreciation to them for their service. They are eligible to run for re-election.</li> <li>○ Could put "Incumbent" on Election ticket so parents know that these people have experience and knowledge in what they are doing.</li> <li>○ Can add a "Community Business Partner" seat on the School Council.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Can then invite a parent coming from New Hampstead K-8 to be in that position to make them a part of our community.</li> </ul>
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS:</b>	<p>Council Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No more meetings scheduled for this year but can schedule a meeting if needed for parent election.</li> </ul>
<b>Other:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rebecca Musgrove, PTO President, asked for fresh ideas for Fundraisers and how to increase membership in PTO:</li> <li>○ Mr. Hawkins – Talent Show; charge small admission.</li> <li>○ For this year: Family Dance or End of the Year Bash; can sell Concessions but no admission charged.</li> <li>○ Perhaps a Glow Party.</li> <li>○ Need a Big Fund Raiser in the Fall. Need something that can raise big dollars. Also get participation from our New Hampstead families.</li> <li>○ Boosterthon too expensive.</li> <li>○ Before Covid, could easily raise 25K to 30K; last year only raised \$2,200 in Fall Fundraiser.</li> <li>○ An online fundraiser is better; students not handling products or money.</li> <li>○ Something also where our families can connect and get our families here.</li> <li>○ Family Trivia Night; Family Bingo Night both suggested. Sell concessions.</li> <li>○ Books Bingo Night where books are the prize. PTO provide pizza.</li> <li>○ Discussed a Fun Run as our main Fall Fundraiser next year.</li> <li>○ Official Fun Run too expensive. But doing it ourselves is too much work. Look for another sponsor.</li> <li>○ Also discussed getting Business Partners to sponsor tee-shirts for field day. Put business logo on the back of the shirts to advertise. Perhaps more than one business partner to provide tee-shirts for whole school.</li> <li>○ Projected school population 1,550+ next year.</li> <li>○ Mr. Jordan suggested Parent Meet &amp; Greet next year to meet school council members. Visibility. Perhaps Quarterly? First one early – maybe 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school.</li> <li>○ Table at Open House in August manned by School Council members.</li> <li>○ Put School Council member Bios on School Facebook page. Also in School Newsletter. Elections in Newsletter, too. Mandated by State of Georgia.</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting Date:</b>	
<b>Adjourned:</b>	7:40 AM