

Godley Station School Council | MINUTES

**Meeting date | time 3/10/23 7:00AM | Meeting location
Conference Room**

Attendees:

Chairperson	Mrs. Polley
Principal	Mr. Heady
Teachers	Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Blaine
Parents	Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Porter
Business/Community Partners	Mr. McAliley

Guest and others attending

Mr. McMillan

AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	DISCUSSION and Summary*
Opening: Pledge Allegiance/Inspiration	The meeting was called to order at 7:03. The council was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	It was moved, seconded, and carried that today's agenda and the minutes of 2/3/2023 be approved.
Special Presentations to the Council	None
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idea Phase – Choice Program at Godley Station <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Idea has been proposed for an Advanced Academic Academy at Godley Station. ○ First and only Choice program on the West End of the county. ○ Formal proposal to be written and submitted this summer

- Proposed start date Fall 2024, to coincide with the expansion of the building
- The council asked questions about how acceptance in the program would work for our neighborhood schools. The school will consult with other schools that are both neighborhood and specialty.
- The council suggested that teacher feedback be sought first and that traffic capacity is considered.
- It was moved, seconded, and carried by the council to explore this proposal.

-Advantages:

- Improved equity – West End residents who cannot transport their child all the way to STEM, Garrison, or other choice program locations could participate
- Attract and retain the top academic achieving students in the public school system #PublicSchoolAdvantage
- Research supports placing gifted and high achieving students together
- Obvious benefit to Godley's test scores/achievement data
- Increased population will improve and expand extracurricular activities
- Relieve overcrowding at other nearby schools

- Cons:

- High achieving students choosing to leave other schools to attend Godley's program, impacting their enrollment and their test scores/achievement data

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Competing with Garrison, STEM, other programs for students. Might reduce participation in those programs.● Summer School<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Hosting at Godley○ Rice Creek K-8 will be here with us○ Scaled back hours and number of students to align more to the traditional summer school model.○ No before and after care.○ AP Smith-Garvin will be the Site Coordinator, assisted by Mrs. Armstrong. Heady will be on site to provide administrative support.● Testing Information<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Currently taking the iReady Diagnostic○ GMAS 3-5 starts April 25○ GMAS 6-8 Starts April 18○ Projections are looking relatively positive; Reading is stronger than Math. Some staffing changes are taking place to put a greater focus on Math next school year.● Staffing<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 45 Teachers applied for transfer from other schools to Godley Station. Transfer application window has closed, and transfers must be finalized by the 15th.○ 1 staff member retiring, 5 declined their contract (relocating, taking other roles, health reasons or leaving the profession), 1 transferring to a High School to teach at that level.○ All known vacancies for next year for teachers and paraprofessionals have already been filled.○ Several internal lateral moves will be forthcoming
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- Will certainly be other changes as the spring and summer progress.
- 2 new custodial workers have come on board and 1 regular sub is in place. Only short 1 now.

- Free Breakfast

- Encourage students to eat Free Breakfast
- We have been told that if we do not get a higher participation rate in the district, the program could end.

- Parent Climate Survey Report

- Mr. Heady has reviewed the results of the Parent Climate Survey and shared the averages of each category with the council. Scores of strongly disagree were assigned a point value of -2, disagree -1, neutral 0, agree 1, and strongly agree 2.

-Quality of Education: .95

-Safety of School: 1.04

-School Communication: .61

- ❖ This was our lowest score; however, some of the comments were focused on negative teacher communication.
- ❖ The council again discussed a school Facebook page, separate from our existing PTO page, for announcements/information only. Comments would be turned off.

-Teacher Communication: .72

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Mr. Heady will present the idea of a school wide communication tool such as Class Dojo to the leadership team. ❖ Agenda books have been ordered for Middle School students. <p>- Feels Welcomed: .86</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ VISTA is the new parent volunteer program <p>- Staff Listens to Concerns: .76</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The council discussed the protocol for parents to report bullying. Mr. Heady will share this with parents in the school newsletter. Mr. Heady also shared that the school will use Sanford Harmony SEL curriculum for K-6 next year, and the school is looking into other programs to use with 7th and 8th grades. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The leadership team will look at the data from the survey and create plans for improvement and for celebrating successes. ○ Mr. Heady is working on a summary to release to parents through the school newsletter.
<p>OLD BUSINESS:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Building Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The BOE has approved the construction project ○ Most up to date information Heady has received is that each wing is to be lengthened, adding 16 classrooms able to accommodate

	<p>approx. 400 additional students. Building capacity increases from 1,200 students to 1,600 students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Engagement Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The school has been working hard on increasing its parent engagement opportunities and events for our students. Some opportunities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Young Ladies with a Purpose hosted Donuts with Dads and is scheduled to host Muffins with Moms -Arbor Day Event -PBIS Spring Fling ○ The council suggested setting up a fund to help cover costs of events for students in need.
NEW BUSINESS:	N/A
UPCOMING EVENTS:	
Other:	
Next Meeting Date:	
Adjourned:	8:01 AM