



NEWBERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Date/Time: Thursday, September 22, 2022, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM EST

In-Person: Newberry Elementary School located at 25705 SW 15th Avenue, Newberry, Florida

Attendance: Council Members – Ms. Nicole Holt (Chair & Parent), Ms. Andrea Sullivan (Vice Chairman & Parent), Ms. Heather Hollingsworth (Secretary & Parent), Mr. Jes Odom (Parent), Ms. Marti Roberson (Parent), Ms. Gail Watson (Citizen), Mr. Armon Lowery (Grandparent), Ms. Antoinette Oesterlein (Parent)

Staff – Ms. Vicki McAlhany (Principal), Ms. Patricia Phillips (Teacher), Ms. Luz Wang (NES ESP)

Agenda Item	Summary/Discussion	Action
1. Call to Order	Vicki McAlhany, Principal	The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.
2. Adopt Agenda	Vicki McAlhany, Principal	Motion to Adopt the Agenda as presented = Mr. Jes Odom 2nd = Ms. Gail Watson Results of Vote = Motion carries
3. Introduction of SAC Members for the 2022-2023 School Year	Vicki McAlhany, Principal	Those present went around and introduced themselves to the group.
4. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Officers • Chair • Vice Chairman • Secretary 	<p>Vicki McAlhany, Principal</p> <p>Mrs. McAlhany called for a member who is interested in serving as the SAC Chair for the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Nicole Holt self-nominated for this position.</p> <p>Mrs. McAlhany called for a member who is interested in serving as the SAC Vice Chairman for the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Andrea Sullivan self-nominated for this position.</p> <p>Mrs. McAlhany called for a member who is interested in serving as the SAC Secretary for the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Heather Hollingsworth self-nominated for this position.</p>	<p>There was consensus among the group that Ms. Holt should be elected to serve as Chair for the 2022-2023 school year.</p> <p>There was consensus among the group that Ms. Sullivan should be elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the 2022-2023 school year.</p> <p>There was consensus among the group that Ms. Hollingsworth should be elected to serve as Secretary for the 2022-2023 school year.</p>
5. Meeting Dates for the 2022-2023 School Year	Vicki McAlhany, Principal	Motion to Accept the Proposed Meeting Schedule for the 2022-2023 School Year as presented = Ms. Gail

	<p>An email was sent to the council members to determine a time that would work best for the majority. Of those who responded, 6:00 PM worked best for most of the members.</p> <p>The Council had originally planned to meet at the end of October but because the School Improvement Plan needs to be submitted to the School Board of Alachua County by October 14th, the Council moved the October meeting date up to Thursday, October 6th at 6:00 PM.</p> <p>The following is the proposed meeting schedule for the 2022-2023 school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thursday, October 6th at 6:00 PM - Thursday, January 26th at 6:00 PM - Thursday, March 23rd at 6:00 PM - Thursday, April 27th at 6:00 PM <p>There was discussion about the total number of meetings needed for the 2022-2023 school year. The bylaws stated that six meetings were to be held each year while guidance from the district stated four meetings were to be held each year. The Council determined that Thursday, December 1st at 6:00 PM would work for the majority as an additional meeting date.</p>	<p>Watson 2nd = Mr. Jes Odom Results of the Vote = Motion carries</p> <p>Motion to have the Council meet for an additional meeting on Thursday, December 1st at 6:00 PM = Mr. Armon Lowery 2nd = Ms. Gail Watson Results of Vote = Motion carries</p>
<p>6. Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC Council • Sunshine Law • Bylaws 	<p>Vicki McAlhany, Principal</p> <p>There was discussion about reviewing our bylaws and making changes, if needed, at the October 6th meeting.</p>	<p>Information</p>
<p>7. Budget & Expenditures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Placement • Lottery • SRP – School Recognition • TLD – State Funded Classroom Supply Assistance • Surtax (Playground Equipment) 	<p>Vicki McAlhany, Principal</p> <p>The group reviewed the 2022-2023 expenditure of school improvement funds spreadsheet.</p> <p><u>School Recognition:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newberry Elementary was one of only four schools in the district that increased a letter grade (from a C to a B) during the 2021-2022 school year. This is a 	

	<p>huge accomplishment considering all the challenges the school faced because of Covid during the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NES was able to hire a school counselor this year. <p><u>TLD – State Funded Classroom Supply Assistance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was discussion about the rising cost of copy paper over the last several years. NES provides copy paper to staff since they already spend so much of their own money on school supplies. Mrs. McAlhany asked that the remaining funds (2,602.01) in the TDL line item be moved over to help absorb some of the rising costs of purchasing copy paper for the school. 	<p>Motion to allow the school to use the remaining balance of \$2,602.01 TDL funds to help absorb rising costs of copy paper for our teachers = Mr. Armon Lowery 2nd = Ms. Gail Watson Results of Vote = Motion carries</p>
<p>8. School Improvement Plan</p>	<p>Vicki McAlhany, Principal</p> <p>Mrs. McAlhany very recently (today) was notified that NES was randomly selected by the state as a tier 3 monitoring school for the 2022-2023 school year. Because of this new information, changes needed to be made to the School Improvement Plan (SIP) which is why our October meeting was pushed up to Thursday, October 6th. This will allow the council to review the SIP prior to its submission to the School Board of Alachua County on October 14th.</p> <p>The school will be focusing on two of the eight CORE domains:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carrying Relationships 2. Clear Academic Goals (close the achievement gap and support students who are working below their grade level) <p>Our goals this year will be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduce the number of discipline referrals among black or African American students by 20% using Positive Behavior Support and Interventions as measured by the number of referrals in Skyward. 2. Fifty percent of black or African American students 	<p>Information</p>

	<p>will perform at a level 3 or above on the English Language Arts summative and Math 2022-2023 state progress monitoring assessment.</p> <p>3. Forty-seven percent of our students with disabilities will perform at a level 3 or above on both English Language Arts and Math summative 2022-2023 state progress monitoring assessment.</p>	
9. Campus Updates	<p>Vicki McAlhany, Principal</p> <p>Mrs. McAlhany shared the school improvements that are being completed this school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mirrored tint for all doors and windows that didn't already have coverings - A "Welcome to Panther Country" windscreen for the fence along the playground for our primary students. - Carport canopy to cover tables behind the school cafeteria - Water bottle filling stations - New playground equipment for our primary students which should be installed by Thanksgiving. 	Information
10. Citizen Input	<p>Vicki McAlhany, Principal</p> <p>Ms. Gail Watson commented about the success of the Back-to-School event and community partnerships with the school.</p>	Information
11. Announcements	<p>Vicki McAlhany, Principal</p> <p>There were no other announcements discussed.</p>	Information
12. Adjournment	Vicki McAlhany, Principal	The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Reported by: Heather Hollingsworth, 2022-2023 SAC Secretary