

DAWSON COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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AGENDA April 9, 2024

Current Meeting Date: 04/09/2024

Vision: To be an exemplary school dedicated to challenging and motivating students to be successful

Mission: To connect parents and the community together with teachers and school administrators to create a better understanding of and mutual respect for each other's concerns and share ideas for school improvement.

Members Present:

1. Call to Order motion by Kristi Deutz, seconded by
2. Approval of 3/5/2024 minutes motion made by Jackie Sides seconded by Jessica Carson
3. Celebrations
 - a. Field house anticipated completion by end of May, 2024
 - b. Social Studies School-wide Fair - 3 students advancing to state competition on April 13
 - c.
4. Old Business
 - a. School Improvement Plan Update
 - i. Updated data on School Improvement Plan with Winter MAP data
 1. 6th Grade math scores predicting 2% above the school goal
 2. 7th Grade math scores predicting meeting the goal growth percentage of 3%
 3. 6th Grade ELA scores currently 10% behind school. Winter MAP does have a historic drop and then increases again in spring.
 4. They are working to increase the stamina on assessments using Progress Learning to help support the students with building up the skill.
 5. The lexile level of our students was shared and 57% of the 6th grade students and 53% of the 7th grade students are reading at or above the level the state expectation.
 - ii. School attendance is trending upward with an increase of 1% (currently at 93%) from the previous year
 1. Unexcused absences continue to represent the largest percentage of absences
 2. Parents are submitting notes and attendance is being updated accordingly
 3. School Attendance Support Team is connecting with parents to improve attendance concerns

- iii. School discipline for 6th grade is trending upward.
 - 1. 6th grade discipline is significantly trending upward
 - a. Increase is tied to students with multiple infractions
 - 2. 7th grade discipline is slightly increasing
 - 3. In School Suspension has increased while Out of School Suspensions and Alternative School Placement has decreased
 - 4. Location of discipline issues has decreased on the bus and in the restrooms. Classroom discipline referrals have increased with the largest percentage of infraction occurring between the hours of 8AM - 10AM.

5. New Business

- a. Review of Dawson County Schools American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act ESSER III-LEA Application
 - i. The Middle School is receiving the federal funds in the following ways:
 - 1. Summer School program with adaptive curriculum and support for SWD's.
 - 2. Online Learning-Some of the criteria for the middle school is that students have less than 10 unexcused absences and are passing every class. Students must maintain a passing grade in order to remain online, otherwise they will be required to come back to face-to-face instruction.
 - b. Personnel Update
 - i. Susie Charles-Carr is retiring. Misti Moore will be her replacement (current 6th grade Math teacher)
 - ii. Emma Daniels who has student taught during the FY23-24 year at DCMS will be replacing Misti Moore
 - iii. Karen Westbrook is transferring to DCHS - Carmen Cunningham from RES will be replacing Karen Westbrook as media specialist
 - iv. We have 1.5 growth positions (science and ESOL)
 - 1. Diana Babb will be joining us from Dekalb County as a science teacher
 - 2. Stephanie Moore will be transferring from BMES as ESOL teacher
 - c. Fundraiser Requests
 - i. Robotics motion made for approval by Jackie Sides, seconded by Jessica Carson
 - ii. Band motion made for approval by Jackie Sides, seconded by Jessica Carson
 - d. Upcoming Events
 - 1. Special Olympics @ Lumpkin County - April 11
 - 2. Georgia Milestones
 - a. April 30 - ELA Section 1 - Reading
 - b. May 1 - ELA Section 2
 - c. May 2 - ELA Section 3
 - d. May 7 - Math Section 1
 - e. May 8 - Math Section 2

3. Spring Formal - May 10th
4. The last Day of School is May 21, 2024
5. Camp Invention June 24-28, 2024
6. Questions and Comments
7. Adjournment motion by April Churchwell, seconded by Jessica Carson

2023-24 SGC Meeting Dates

3:15-4:15

September 5th, 2023

October 3rd, 2023

November 13th, 2023

January 9th, 2024

March 5th, 2024

April 9th, 2024

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