

July 25, 2023

Continued August 8th, 2023

Attending: Heather Beard, Hannah Richardson, Amy Savage, Chris Kolasinski, Jessica Sneed, Jennifer Burgin, Pam Hoffman, Sarah Broome, Addison Ingle, Tiffany Grant, Teresa Lovelace

Thank you to Scottie and Duck for all their hard work this summer to make our school look great. The floors look awesome! Thank you to Mr. K as well for his hard work shampooing carpets and working hard to get the school ready for the new academic year.

Staff changes: Katie Land has taken a new position at Childers. Mrs. Sain at Lowder has hired a new music teacher, we will meet her during the workdays. We will welcome several new teachers this year. We are still in need of a third grade teacher and two EC teacher assistants. At this time the plan is for Mrs. Shuford to be the teacher of record for the additional class. The format would be teaching reading & math in the morning and Title 1 duties in the afternoon. Laurie Sellers has an office on campus and has been limited to 2-3 schools versus 5. We are excited that she is here and look forward to continuing our work with her. A new nurse will be joining us. Nurse Liese Balkcom has accepted a position at a school outside our county in Cleveland County to be at the same school as her daughter. Welcome Brittany Wall, EC resource, she will be housed in a former Kindergarten room. Welcome Grace Vercauteren, she will be housed in the EC room beside the library (Heafner's old room). Welcome Ashley Spargo, (additional speech teacher) she will be housed in Ms. A. Williams' old room.

Building changes: The BED room will now be housed in the former science lab. OT and PT will be housed in the former music room. The art room will remain empty at this time. A new drain line will be installed for hot/cold water per a grant received by Hannah Richardson. This is part of an initiative to have a washer and dryer (including laundry detergent for a year) to help with student laundry as this need has been linked to student morale and attendance issues. Work this year will help us be prepared to complete the project in a timely manner if approved for the grant next year as well. Part of the initiative would be that Mrs. Richardson keeps track of student attendance for data purposes. We will be receiving a new AC unit in the gym (completion date: possibly September). The stage doors have been painted. Jennifer Gibson's cousin who owns a fabrication company, has begun a project to acquire company sponsorships to provide visual improvements to our school, such as mulch for various areas around school, window coverings for cafeteria windows (we can see out but strangers cannot see in), pressure washing main area out front, painting designs such as hopscotch and other games on sidewalk at the playground. We are looking to get logos from all companies donating in order to show our appreciation through social media and school announcements. These projects would total approximately \$10,000 (\$3,000 playground mulch) and thanks to their generosity the school will incur zero cost. Two fourth grade math manuals are missing and 11 student workbooks. All manuals and textbooks have been placed in classrooms for the upcoming year. Mrs. Gibson has cataloged all materials and distributed them to appropriate grade level teachers.

Updates: Behavior class will begin the year with ten students. EC students will have adjusted time in special areas to accommodate their needs. Clothes closet will remain in the EC changing room. If teachers are unable to find items they need for a student, please let Mrs. Richardson know and she will help. WLOV will continue and we are looking at pre-recording sessions so teachers will be able to watch when it fits in their class schedule for the day. Rhythm will continue, and DESSA dates have been released. Teacher assistant assignments have not been finalized. Possible additional purchases would be kidney tables if funds are available. Intervention times will be discussed per grade level as well as subject time requirements for schedules. (Ex. 90 minutes of reading, 60 minutes of math) Hoffman shared a new resource Fluency & Fitness that incorporates physical activity with academics. Admin will be meeting with teacher assistants to discuss assignments and expectations for the upcoming year. We are unsure if bus routes will be single or double loads at this time. Schoolwide policy - Water bottles will need to remain in the classroom unless students are taking them to lunch. Bottles will stay at the sink area versus on desks in classrooms. County commissioners are working to place a SRO at every elementary school in the district. These officers will be in attendance at the school for the entire day all week. Tutors will need to clock out for lunch.

Staff feedback needed:

- Please share any ideas/thoughts about what administrators could do to encourage more positive morale. Discussion: staff outings multiple times a year. First outing - August 11th at 6:30 pm Pam Hoffman's house.
- Please share out of the box ideas to increase student instruction/intervention: lunch time tutoring or homework club, students coming to class to eat breakfast and receive additional academic support. Special area teachers work with academic content during duplicate classes based on teacher recommendations.

EC Savage - no report.

Special Areas Richardson/Beard - no report.

PreK Broome - no report

K-1 Grant - Concerns: # of Kindergarten students per teacher including division of combo class

2-3 Sneed - Will students be able to have recess every day? This will be a discussion for grade level meetings. The Sacred Book List will be updated and shared with staff. These are books used in specific grade levels. Car Rider discussion - could we have parents put names of students on visors in their vehicle for car riders. Could we move car riders back to gym, expectations the same from all adults about car riders

4-5 Burgin - Order status of IXL and Studies Weekly? At this time, funds are not available. Funds were used for additional literacy coaches, four touch screen monitors, new PCs to equip a classroom, and purchasing fifteen whiteboards to replace those that have been damaged or

removed. What will lunch counts look like with the new program? This will also be a grade level discussion.

Classified Staff Lovelace - no report

PTA Ingle- Could use ideas for encouraging parent involvement in PTA. Some suggestions: list of duties volunteers could help with at the open house. Ex. Would you read with students? Volunteers cannot grade papers! Mr. K will ask parents to please enter through the gym for open house (to help with flow of traffic). A possible PTA goal: a new sign for out front. There was discussion about the type of sign (if electric, additional \$10,000 cost for wiring).