

## School Advisory Committee Meeting- Hickory Creek Elementary (HCES)

November 1, 2022

PRESENT

### **District : Non-voting**

Rebecca England

Donna Gary-Donovan

### **Voting Members:**

Jillian Ferro(Chair)

Melissa McMillan(Parent) -Treasurer

Charles Brown

Rob Kruse(Parent),

Crystal Henrichsen (Parent)

Anne Tressler(Parent)

Stephanie Kluge(Parent)

Jamie Williams(Co-Chair, Parent)

**4:03** Meeting Called to Order by J. Ferro.

Last month's meeting minutes were missing information about the expectation of staff after returning from the media conference. J. Ferro will update to be sure it is tied in.

C. Henrichsen moved to approve October meeting minutes. Seconded by R. Kruse. October minutes approved.

Treasurer Report- After paying for media conference - budget \$3,189.18

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **Introduce New Members: Jillian Ferro**

To meet the member requirements we need additional support staff and parents. Taylor Felvey (support staff) was approved by the staff to represent them as a support staff member. Taylor was unable to attend today's meeting.

#### **District Focus Group Notes: Anne Tressler**

A. Tressler attended the most recent district focus group meeting. A district safety specialist discussed the tools used to support staff & children. All teachers have a mobile panic alarm, staff receive training and each school practices drills each month. The threat assessment team meets monthly at each school and each school has a year-round deputy on campus each day. The next district focus group meeting is December 14th and Superintendent Tim Forson is asking that parent email meeting ideas to him.

#### **Playground Supplies Idea- Crystal Henrichsen**

C. Henrichsen discusses possible use for funds. Suggesting we purchase sports equipment and balls for playground use. She noticed that many children are bringing their own balls from home to play at recess. This would need a funds request form before it could move forward and we can place it on the December meeting agenda if the group feels we should pursue it.

D. Gary-Donovan gives administrative feedback stating that adding balls and sports equipment on to the playground becomes an issue. The administration feels that team activities become hard to negotiate as children all have different sports experiences and levels of play. Teachers are taken away from the supervision of children to intercept what is going on.

J. Ferro gives feedback from teaching staff stating they currently allow children to have and play with balls during recess until children prove they can't handle them. At that point, a conversation is had and the ball is taken away and given back the next day or when children show they are ready to better handle the situation.

J. Ferro doesn't believe that this request will fit into the plan for funds and believes that a conversation could be had with the coach to better utilize sports equipment and balls the school currently has. This discussion was tabled and can be brought up again if needed.

#### **Needs Assessment Survey Introduction- Jillian Ferro**

J. Ferro states that the needs assessment window will be from February 1 - March 31, 2023. She will email last year's needs assessment out for members to look over and make suggestions for edits or additions. The needs assessment needs to be approved by January.

R.England states to remember that some questions can not be removed or changed because they come from the district.

M. McMillan asks about how we can get more families to participate and if we can offer incentives.

Multiple parents chimed in that the 28 questions seem to be too long and are probably a leading reason why parents start but don't complete the survey.

J. Ferro will follow up with Andrew at the district to ask more about condensing the number of questions.

#### **Principal's Update – Donna Gary-Donovan**

PreK - 4th grade had a storybook character parade that was a great success on October 31st.

Yvette Gonzales hosted the latest principal chat to discuss 504 & IEPs with parents. 7 parents attended and were highly engaged. The next principal chat will be on November 16th on the topic of Language Development.

The first two Character Counts pillars of Fairness and Responsibility were celebrated last week with families of the honored children.

5th and 1st grade will be going on their first field trip of the year to see the Jacksonville Icemen play on November 8th.

Book Fair with Literati was a great success

Important upcoming dates can be found in the meeting agenda.

The next meeting will be December 6, 2022, @4:00 pm

**Meeting adjourned 4:46**