

# Briarlake Elementary School Council

## Meeting Agenda

May 4th, 2017

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| 1. Call to Order                    | Debbie Martin-Gerstle |
| 2. Inspiration                      | Debbie Martin-Gerstle |
| 3. Pledge of Allegiance             | All                   |
| 4. Approval of Agenda               | Debbie Martin-Gerstle |
| 5. Approval of <b>March</b> Minutes | Ellyn Cochran         |
| 6. Recognition of Visitors          | Debbie Martin-Gerstle |
| 7. Principal's Report               | Jamela Lewis          |
- a. Attendance and Safety update
    - a. Current enrollment- use House Bill (School Choice) next year?
    - b. Safety issues at Carpool
  - b. Projected enrollment for next year – additional 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: space issue?
  - c. Staffing Update
    - a. New Teachers needed?
    - b. New STEM position
  - d. Innovative Lab and Media Center update

## 8. Unfinished Business

- a. STEM update – partner plans: Carlos Museum/Briarlake Forest (Ms Lewis)
- b. Teacher Gifted Certification: registration date? (Ms Lewis)
- c. Aftercare Update- changes for next year (Ellyn/Ms Hamilton)
- d. Junior Beta update – new criterion and number eligible (Ms Thomas)
- e. Duke Tips update (Anjie)
- f. Accelerated Reading update (Anjie)
- g. Science Workshops – Big Thinkers in May (Debbie)
- h. Lakeside Cluster Meeting (Debbie/Sonya)
- i. Community solicitation/donation Criteria (Sonya/Tony)
- j. Milestones Criteria for Advancement (Ms Stansfield)
- k. MAP testing in May (Ms Stansfield)
- l. Reading for Six Flags update (Ms Galloway)

## 9. New Business

- a. Election of 2 new Parent Reps- Pamela and Liberty (Debbie)
- b. Welcome 2 new Teacher Reps- ?? (Ms Lewis)
- c. New Officer elections – Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary (Debbie)
- d. By-Law change, add Mentor/ex-chair, & Academic Achievement (Debbie)
- e. New Gifted Criteria (Debbie/Ms Stansfield)
- f. Advanced Content update- increasing differentiation next year (Ms Lewis)
- g. Henderson Middle School Prep talk- increasing independence (Sonya/Jen)
- h. Increasing rigor, especially in 5<sup>th</sup> grade (Ms Lewis)
- i. Competitions next year – add Science Fair (Jin)
- j. Integrating Sign Language (Jen)
- k. Summer STEM Challenge – with Carlos (Tony)
- l. Outreach to early learners (Ellyn) & Community (Anjie)

## 10. Develop Agenda items for next year - All

## 11. Adjournment

Debbie Martin-Gerstle

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Georgia STEM Day & BES STEM Celebration – May 5<sup>th</sup>  
State Science Olympiad Competition – May 13<sup>th</sup>

## Goals for Next Year

- 1) Further Briarlake's STEM education and curriculum by fostering meaningful relationships with our Community Partners: Briarlake Forest, Carlos Museum, and High Museum.
- 2) Continue to ensure that ALL Teachers are Gifted Certified.
- 3) Expand Advanced Content curriculum in the classroom.
  - a. Support Compacting of Math and Reading
  - b. Support more differentiation of learning in all subjects based on students' current performance level (below standard, meets standard, exceeds standard). This way ALL students at every level can grow.
- 4) Increase Rigor, especially in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, to help prepare students for Middle School.
- 5) Encourage more independence and student responsibility in the upper grades.
- 6) Increase attendance to School Council meetings. Offer a conference call option using a speaker phone.

## School Council Officer Descriptions:

**Chair** - Sets the meeting dates, calls for Agenda items, sets the Agenda, updates the By-Laws, and runs the Council meetings. The Chair must also attend the monthly Joint Leadership meetings, STEM meetings, and Lakeside Cluster Meetings.

**Vice Chair** – Performs the duties of the Chair, if the Chair is not available. It would be helpful if the Vice Chair could also attend the monthly Joint Leadership meetings, STEM meetings, and Lakeside Cluster Meetings.

**Secretary** – Takes Minutes during Council meetings, publishes the Minutes, updates Council Members and Officers, and communicates with the County.

## **By-Law addition**

*The Briarlake School Council will add 3 new positions to the Council:*

(1) Mentor/Ex-Chair, and (2) Co-Chairs for the Academic Achievement Committee.

The Mentor is the former Chair of the Council. This person offers advice and guidance in matters relating to Council duties, protocol, and agenda items.

The Academic Achievement Committee is shared with PTA. These Co-Chairs oversee the academic clubs/competitions at Briarlake and oversee the school-wide STEM Challenges.

These 3 positions are not voting members, since they are not elected representatives. However, they are invited to offer opinions, suggestions, and contribute to Council discussions.

## **Amended By-Laws:**

### **Article V: Membership**

HB 208 attached to SB 72 amends Code Section 20-2-86, (c), (d), (e) and U).

Effective July 1, 2007

Membership on the school council shall be open to the principal, teachers, parents, business persons and other such members as the school council may specify in its bylaws. Members of the school council shall not receive compensation to serve on a school council.

The property and business of the school council shall be managed by a minimum of seven school council members of whom a majority shall constitute a quorum.

Members of the school council shall include:

1. A number of parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school, excluding parents who are also employees of the school, so that such parents make up a majority of the school council.
  - a. *The Briarlake School Council will add 3 new positions to the Council:*
    - (1) *Mentor/Ex-Chair, and (2) Co-Chairs for the Academic Achievement Committee.*
      - i. *The Mentor is the former Chair of the Council. This person offers advice and guidance in matters relating to Council duties, protocol, and agenda items.*
      - ii. *The Academic Achievement Committee is shared with PTA. These Co-Chairs oversee the academic clubs/competitions at Briarlake and oversee the school-wide STEM Challenges.*
      - iii. *These 3 positions are not voting members, since they are not elected representatives. However, they are invited to offer opinions and contribute to Council discussions.*
2. At least two (2) certificated teachers who serve four of six school segments per day at the school, excluding any personnel employed in administrative positions;
3. The school principal;
4. Other members such as, but not limited to, staff, students and representatives of school related organizations; and
5. Other community business persons, who are not parents, may serve on the school council as specified in these bylaws and shall be selected by the other members of the school council. However, this would require that two additional parents be elected to maintain a majority on the council.