

Minutes Lakeside Cluster Meeting
September 9/25/17

Meeting call to order 6:32

Introductions:

Exec committee: Debbie Martin Gerstle, Sonya Tinsley -Hook, Karen Crittenden, Weatherly Polinksy

Jim McMahan School Board
Trenton Arnold Area Super Intendant
Mitch Green Henderson Mill Elementary
Damian Bounds Lakeside

Introductions , school principals, parents, etc

Meeting dates , calendar announced
Sagamore ES will host November 16
Oak Grove ES will host January 18, 2018

Visionary Statement shared – see agenda 9/14/17

History Shared see agenda 9/14/17

Email address : lakesideclusterum@gmail.com
LCS webpage <http://lakesidecluster.weebly.com>

Debbie shared webpage info, would like schools to share events that the cluster is invited to.

Briarlake:

Glad they are getting new roof, new AC in gym. Some delays but Mr. Arnold has been very helpful in regards to SPLOST V projects - new lights and new playground, Adding rubber to play area.

Plumbing update: service came in over the summer and fixed

Evansdale: Good start to school year, good maintenance after storm. New playground coming – they get to keep their KABOOM play structure in addition to the new one
PBIS designated school,

Hawthrone:

No principal present
Bathrooms not going to be updated until 2024, would like to see SPLOST list reorganized. They did get some repairs to the bathrooms

Henderson Mill

Mitch Green

Great opening, full staffing

Had several camps and things going on over the summer

No construction, disappointment over this. Mr. Arnold and Mr. McMahan are being helpful in trying to help get updates. Expecting new kitchen equipment, new HVAC in gym and hopefully throughout the building.

Enrollment, steady, still has several trailers and over capacity in student population

Evansdale:

Expecting new grease trap, new sidewalk, new overflow parking – being implemented as STEM project for 5ths graders

NEW kitchen floor in the planning phase

Waiting on the the new roof

STEM certification readiness list - hopefully coming in 18 months

Discussion: Schools pursuing STEM – Oakcliff, Pleasantdale, Hawthrone, Evansdale

Oakcliff -smooth start to the beginning of the year,

Pleasantdale-

New trailer landings in and functional - teachers utilizing trailer spaces in cool ways, large decks on front of trailers being used for outdoor classrooms, great addition to learning space

Waiting on groundbreaking of new school

Operations has been very responsive in helping with AC repairs, and other repairs

Signed on for 18 months STEM readiness

New chrome books awesome

Exploring becoming a dual immersion for kindergarten next year for Spanish

Jim McMahan speaking - New Pleasantdale school will be at soccer fields at lower lot, ground breaking unsure of date

Sagamore – dual STEM certification – first in GA

All updates from summer positive

Thanks to Oakgrove for hosting over the summer

Henderson Middle

Construction highlights: 1521 students

New lobby with vestibule

No trailers

New security desk

Updated office space

New band addition

New wing – 30 classrooms

Expansion media center
Expansion cafeteria
All new kitchen facilities
200 chrome books for students
County passed out chrome books to all the teachers

Lakeside High School 2167 Students
6 Assistant Principals
Counselors on way to becoming RAMP certified -
Happy to see portables
Reduced floating teachers to 13 from over 20 last year
New bleachers on the football field – thanks to foundation
New lighting in downstairs of the building & gym
Gym AC “ok”
Irma damaged the pool, circulation and drainage
AC issues in some classes but being addressed
Still struggle with space – but positive

Digital Dreamers – laptops lets students have class anywhere –

Plan for more trailers – NO

Questions -

One parent: Is Lakeside interested in STEM certification? Mr. Bounds – Yes – looking into it. Kim Speece working with Mr. Bounds.

Committees: Looking for chairs

SPLOST Facilities –

Diversity/Tolerance -

Cluster Coordination - (communication, Academics, other programs such as PBIS, Interpreters)

Redistricting –

Mr. Arnold – commenting on redistricting
Process will begin once the construction begins on the new Cross Keys – attendance lines will be looked at, community input, etc

Jim – SPLOST money started coming in, in July
May start public input as early as next year

Jim and Trenton talk about value of the cluster group, look forward to our input

Parent: asking about swamp area near Lakeside
Parent: asking about more Magnet availability across county

Evansdale – School choice expanded, through French Immersion
Mr. Arnold and Ms. Patillo working with Evansdale to allow for that immersion experience to continue through middle and high school

Debbie – asking for chairs to step up and serve in committees listed above

Coming back to flooding area around Lakeside
Mr. McMahan will comment
Jeff Raider had a water basin meeting
County commissioner, watershed walked property last year
Led to study about that basin at Briarlake – Lakeside
Dewberry provided three solutions to briarlake/briarcliff flooding – two of them were to close Briarcliff Road

Third was building a dam on Simmons Lake behind Lakeside – 1 million dollars
Also do work to clean out culverts

Homeowners association has been very active in seeking solutions
Parent wondering if this would impact the school expansion – Jim saying no.
Discussion of moving the pool – in the future. Lakeside will host their home meets this year, though pool needs repair.
Lakeside construction meeting is where these things are discussed – these meetings are open to public

Parent questioning logic of expansion of three high school campuses – Jim and Trenton commenting that the process is underway

Extension of School day discussion:

Mr. Arnold – decision was made to make up IRMA lost days – feedback was heard that no one wanted to mess with days off

Students needed to make up instructional time - this semester due to end of semester exams, etc.
Election day was reclaimed as a school day
School day was extended to make up for the rest
Principals will have autonomy to make decision on how to use the added 20 minutes
Henderson Middle looking at added ELT time

Henderson Mill and Sagamore met with lead teachers, adjustment planning underway

Meeting closed 8:00

People in attendance:

Jim McMahan, Trenton Arnold

LCS Committee:

Sonya Tinsley-Hook

Debbie Martin-Gerstle

Weatherly Polinski

Briarlake: Jamela Lewis -principal, Thomas Piolz

Evansdale: Stephanie Chattman principal, Staff member (can't read name) Laura Payne PTA president

Hawthorne: Foundation Jodi Wheeler-Toppin

Henderson Mill ES: Mitch Green, -principal, Kate Scheussler – PTA president, Dawn Sudler – Teacher, Sharm Rubmin – Foundation President

Oak Grove: Lynda Mauborgne – principal, Beth Vertino – school council

Oakcliff Theme School: Mary Talukder

Pleasantdale: Terri Brown – principal,

Sagamore: Julie Taylor – principal, Weatherly Polinski – PTA president

Henderson Middle: Rochelle Patillo – principal, Amy Kirsch- PTA president, Allyson Gervertz – Construction Committee Henderson , Angie Claussen- Foundation,

Richard Wright, community member

Lakeside: Damien Bounds – principal, Kim Speece, - parent representative

Tucker Middle School : Anne Thomas, Erin Kirn



Briarcliff Road at Echo Lake

Concept Alternatives Briefing