

## **LOCAL SCHOOL GOVERNANCE TEAM**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Omega Elementary School

150 College Ave.

Omega, Ga. 31775

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**April 24, 2019**

#### **Call to Order**

- Mr. Byers called to order the sixth meeting of the Omega School Governance Team at 3:30 pm, March 20, 2019 in Room 106 at Omega Elementary School.
- Member sign in included Mr. Patrick, Mrs. Stone, Mr. Cargle, Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Hornbuckle, Mr. Byers and Mrs. Martinez. Ms. Melissa Gamage was not present.

**Welcome Visitors** - Mrs. Jessica Guess, PBIS representative.

**Approval of Agenda** - Review and approval motioned by Mr. Patrick and seconded by Mrs. Stone. All approved.

**Approval of previous meeting minutes** - Mrs. Hornbuckle motioned to approve and Mrs. Hawkins seconded the motion. All approved.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- Mr. Byers shared information regarding hiring an artist to work with students next year. Mr. Dobard, Personnel Director, said it is difficult to recruit an artist to be employed on a short term bases. The team discussed several options to pursue; to enlist students who are available on short term schedules as well as individuals who may be willing to volunteer their time. We will continue the search into the next school term. Mrs. Martinez, and Mr. Cargle stated they would look into some options.
- Playground equipment information was presented by Mrs. Hawkins. The team selected several options from the list. A discussion resulted in asking for a budget to be set aside for this project to continue. Mr. Patrick motioned to accept the discussed budget of \$6,500.00 and Mr. Cargle seconded it. All approved.
- The grant from Middle South Georgia Soil and Water Conservation District will be awarded in the near future. Ga. Farm Bureau has shown an interest in matching this grant. It was also brought forth that Mr. Jimmy Cargle is interested in working with OES students with the garden area project.
- The LSGT voted last month to split the cost of the student planners for next year with PTO. The increased cost will be \$414.68. Mrs. Hawkins motioned to approve this amount and Mrs. Stone seconded the motion. All approved.

#### **New Business**

- Mr. Patrick said the Tift Co. YMCA and Colquitt Co. YMCA would like to sponsor soccer teams for Omega and Norman Park so that our children can participate in a local organized soccer league to begin this October. The two teams would play each other at the two town locations. The Tift Co. YMCA has looked at our campus and the Omega City Park as the two options for a soccer field in Omega. It was discussed that the school campus would be the best of the two locations, but campus preparation would be required to create a smooth playing field. Mr. Byers said he would talk to the grounds department to see what could be done and if the use of school property could be considered.
- Mrs. Guess discussed what PBIS means and how our school is incorporating it on a daily basis. The handout describes the program and she listed the incentives we are now using and new incentives to be introduced in the future. There have been more than 11,000 True Blue tickets earned so far this year. Other rewards including the Minute to Win It event and the upcoming

Faculty/Student basketball game, where all students will receive a free team shirt, are two other ways PBIS rewards students for responsible behavior. New ideas are welcomed and the PBIS team would like to have parent representatives to participate in the meetings and planning of these events.

- Coach Purvis was not present.
- Fundraisers: The Spring Dance sponsored by OES Student Council was presented for approval. The proceeds from the dance will be used to fund projects and rewards for OES students. Mr. Patrick motioned to approve the fundraiser and Mrs. Hornbuckle seconded. All approved.
- Mrs. Hornbuckle and Mrs. Stone presented to the team a proposal for the LSGT to fund a Summer Reading Program. The program would allow OES students to have access to the school media center during the summer. The program would take place on a scheduled time coinciding with the Summer Feeding Program which is already in place at OES. The cost would include the salary of one employee and reading incentives for the participants. The project would require a total of \$1330.00. Mr. Patrick motioned to accept this proposal and fund the \$1330.00 through the LSGT budget. Mr. Cargle seconded the motion. All approved.
- Term limits have been met on 5 of our team members. An election and appointments will be held to replace these members during the month of May. The election process was discussed and Mr. Byers will begin the steps to complete this election during May.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Mr. Byers asked the team to look over the upcoming events that round out the end of the school year. He also invited the team to come by the school on Friday, April 26th to visit with the staff and enjoy a yogurt cup as a way of saying thank you for all their support of OES.

#### **Discussion/Topics for next meeting**

Team member elections will be discussed as well as fundraisers for next school term.

#### **Questions/Comments**

The next meeting date is scheduled for May 8, 2019. It was suggested that since we need to elect new members during the month of May, it may be better to change the meeting date to later in the month so all elections and appointments can be completed before the end of the school year. The team discussed this and decided to push the next meeting date to May 29, 2019. Mrs. Hawkins motioned to move the date and Mr. Patrick seconded the motion. All agreed.

#### **Adjourn**

Mr. Byers motioned to adjourn the meeting. All confirmed.

**Minutes submitted by: Mrs. Peggy Hawkins, Secretary**

**Minutes approved by: Mr. Jim Byers, Chairman**