

Began the meeting at 7:00

Present at the meeting: Kim Hagood, Brian Tomalavage, Alison Johnson, Becky Brumbelow, Gurvir Stater, Becky Chimera, Jan Rooney, Jane Hussa, Rhonda Patterson

Concerns for the safety: We have had several fire drills, the county has installed a fence around the perimeter of the school after the fox issue. We have had to call 911 for health issues, we have implemented a "Code Orange" for everyone to stay in place, "Code Red" danger in the building, "Code Yellow" - danger outside the building.

Not on the newsletter but added to the folder: updated mission and vision statements. We revamped both this year to have it reflect our current mission/vision for the school.

School wide training for teachers on 9/25 on the new Reading Counts to start this year. It will replace Accelerated Reader. It is more cost effective and will still encourage our students to read.

FYI the enrollment numbers are listed on the Newsletter.

Letter in folder from Dr. Hightower: Cherokee County continues to lead the state in state scores. Also included is a news article. We are at 130% capacity. Difficulty shows in the lunchroom and bathrooms. The county is looking at different solutions. Thoughts are that some of the high school classes would be moved to Canton Elem and that would push the children from that school in our direction. There is also a chart showing how the distribution across the county. We are at 90% with the mobiles, 130% without the mobiles. The county owns land and the plans are to eventually build a middle & high school but no plans for this in the 5 year plan.

Daily attendance for the county is concerning when we are at the bottom for the county. The state looks at attendance and that affects our "grade" for the school. We need to help our parents understand this is a priority. Question asked: Does the county normalize the numbers as far as percentage? Smaller schools with children absent will reflect a percentage that is skewed compared to a larger school. We are penalized for each child missing 6 days or more. We have a running list of these children. Suggestion was made to have an email blast sent to have 100% present as a goal. Incentives for students with 100% attendance and 3 or fewer days absent.

Chic-Fil-A spirit night is Thursday, Oct 5th. We will get a portion of the sales. Canton Market Place and Riverstone locations are participating. We are also selling calendars. They are the same price as sold at the store, but we get a percentage of the money for each sold.

We are participating in the GA Milestones Field Test. 3rd & 5th will participate. This is just a practice and more info will be coming soon.

River Ridge High School situation has been discussed with our staff. Our school staff has been advised to review the handbook. RRHS parents are concerned about a protest that is scheduled at school.

Members brought up for discussion various thoughts. Discussed rocket pantry, new ELA program, less homework, less interruptions during the class day.

Next meeting is Nov 9th. CCRPI will be discussed. Mrs. Hagood is attending a meeting this week.