

Grahamwood School Leadership Council
Minutes from September Meeting
6:00pm at Grahamwood

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Attendance: Swati Salian (Parent), Scott Springer (Parent), Sarah Lewis (Parent), Charles McKinney (Parent), Ms Denson (Staff), Ms Thompson (Teacher), Ms Williams (Staff) & Mr. Johnson (Principal).
- We approved the minutes from the last meeting on June 9th.

2. Building Community Relationships

- We currently have a relationship with Fedex. They provide buses for field trips among other things, but it would be nice to build some other partnerships within the community. This year more so than ever we need some more financial partnerships.
- We discussed that Hope Presbyterian Church has adopted Caldwell School and Second Presbyterian Church has adapted Berclair School. Mr. Johnson also explained that at his last school he had partnerships with 2 churches, a bank and a company.
- We put together a target list of 8 companies to contact to see what kind of partnership we might be able to foster:

Target List:

1. Greek Orthodox Church: Swati will contact
 2. Kroger: Mrs Thompson will contact
 3. Lowes: Mr. Johnson will contact
 4. Bank of America: Ms Williams will contact
 5. Belz: Sarah will contact
 6. Bryants: Mr. McKinney will contact
 7. Mexican Bakery: Mr. Omari. **We need to ask him to do this for us.**
 8. Men's Bible Study @ Second Pres: Schott will contact
- Ms. Thompson will draft a sample letter for us to present to the company.
 - A partnership is 2 way. We have to present what we can give them (like kids volunteering) and what they can give us. We need to present them with a buffet platter of options on how they can help us: financial, come read to the kids, tutor/mentor the kids, donations...ask them if they have a special way they would want to help.
 - We can invite them to our Open House in October to come and see what the school is all about.

3. Safety Concerns

- Mr. Tanahee from the City Traffic Engineering Office met with us this summer. However he advised us that we had to go through City Schools Security.
- MCS Security is in a transition state so we have not been able to contact them yet.
- Charles McKinney will call the MCS Security Office and follow up with them.
- Scott Springer will follow up with Councilman Jim Strickland. They had discussed this matter earlier and he had offered to help if we were having problems.

- We have instituted new safety policies in the front driveway...now there is only 1 lane of cars. It is a lot safer, but many parents complain.
- The staff and teachers will be thick skinned and stand by it...safety is of top priority.
- We discussed having the safety patrol kids come up with tips to give the kids. If kids hear it from other kids, they may tell their parents when they do something wrong.
- We also discussed having a Safety Rules Letter that both parent and student have to sign and return to the school, so we know everyone has read all of the rules.

4. Expanding the Leadership Council to Include Full Representation of Student Body and Community

- We need to put new members in place .The maximum number of members to serve on the Leadership council is 15.
- We need a member of the community on the council. We will invite Mr. Miles from Fedex to come to the next meeting.
- We need to add an “in district” parent and an “in district” teacher to the committee as well. One suggestion for the parent is Kiara Gattlin’s mother.
- Sarah thinks one of the forms we had to fill out at registration had a place to check off if you were interested in serving on the council...possibly the volunteer form.
- Swati will talk to Angie Brittian and ask for people who are interested at the September 4ths GPA meeting. After the meeting we will send out a flyer to parents who may not come to the meeting.

5. Keyboarding

Mr. Johnson will follow up with Ms Dyson

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 2nd at 6:00pm at Grahamwood. Sarah Lewis will be in charge of reminding all of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Sarah will add Ms Miles email to the distribution list.

Sarah will forward by laws to Mr. Johnson.

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School Leadership Council
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