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Agenda for Magnet School Council
Mount Vernon Exploratory School
Thursday, December 5, 2024
12:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order - Roll Call @12:33

Courtney Allgood (Vice-Chairperson)
Colette Hollifield (Chairperson)
Dr. Kelly Lathem
Crystal Schlieman
Kaitlin Smith (Secretary)
Mollie Stowe
Jennifer Westbrook

II. Approval of October Minutes (attached) @12:34

III. New Business

A. Principal's Report

B. Next Meeting –

Thur., Feb. 20 at 12:30 pm

Thur., April 24 at 12:30 pm

IV. Adjournment @1:14

Agenda for Magnet School Council
Mount Vernon Exploratory School
Thursday, October 10, 2024
12:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order - Roll Call @ 12:40

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Dr. Kelly Lathem
Kaitlin Smith
Mollie Stowe
Jennifer Westbrook

II. Approval of April Minutes (attached) @ 12:40

III. New Business

A. Principal's Report

- *October enrollment update – 645 students enrolled (5 more than last year)*
  - *K-3rd – average class size 22 (19-24)*
  - *4th-5th – average class size 26 (24-29)*

- *New Staff:*
  - *Administration: Chase Armour*
  - *Special Programs: Morgan Gunter, Sophie Bethke, Raeha Berbert*
  - *Paraprofessionals: Kathryn Fitzgerald, Tammy Gaddy, Kendall Martin, Jessica Morales, Christin Simmons, Jennifer Vandiver*
  - *Learning Commons: Stephanie Gibson*

- *Communication – similar format as last year –*
  - *Tuesday classroom folders/newsletters (some grade levels are doing a monthly newsletter)*
  - *Thursday principal newsletter*
  - *School website, Twitter, Remind*

- *Families – 3rd meeting on Nov. 1st*

- *Benchmark Workshop – K-5th grade core literacy curriculum (1st year full implementation)*
  - *County wide implementation*
  - *Council Member Concerns:*
    - *How long will it last? Multi-year contract*
    - *Science and SS not having their own designated time and the topics Benchmark does cover does not match GA standards.*
      - *Teachers are integrating and being creative; Connections teachers are pulling a lot of the weight of science and social studies standards.*

- *Eureka Math2 – K-5th grade math curriculum (2nd year full implementation)*

- *1st Quarter assessments*
  - *GKIDS (kindergarten)*
  - *MAP Growth K-5th*
  - *MAP Reading Fluency K-3rd*

- *Literacy professional learning continues*
  - *Benchmark Coach classroom sessions K/1, 2/3, 4/5*
  - *Grade level sessions on PL/teacher workday*
  - *GA Literacy Modules – all certified teachers completing 25+ hours training by May 2025*
  - *Peer observations*

- *Math Fluency Masters – will recognize 1st and 2nd semester.*
  - *Decision to do this was based on math fluency data from last year.*

- *NHCEF Proposal shared last week (see copies)*

- *Council Member Questions/Concerns:*
  - *Have students talked about school shooting?-some students have expressed sad feelings*

B. New Council Members - Election of New Officers for the 2024-25 School Year

a. Chairperson (must be a parent)-Colette Hollifield
b. Vice-Chairperson-Courtney Allgood
c. Secretary-Kaitlin Smith

C. Service Years –

Courtney Allgood – June 2026
Colette Hollifield – June 2025
Dr. Kelly Lathem – June 2026
Crystal Schlieman – June 2025
Kaitlin Smith – June 2026
Mollie Stowe – June 2025

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Motivating, Valuing and Empowering Students for Success

Magnet School Council

Principal's Report

December 5, 2024

- Enrollment update – 643 students enrolled
  - K-3rd – average class size 22 (19-24)
  - 4th-5th – average class size 26 (24-28)

- Safety updates:
  - Increased SSO & SRO presence
  - Centegix – ahead of schedule
    - Should be ready for use in 2 months or so

- Literacy professional learning continues
  - Benchmark Coach classroom sessions K/1, 2/3, 4/5 (completed 3; 2 more 2nd semester)
  - Peer observations

- Math Fluency Masters – recognizing Fall, Winter and Spring

- Grade level parent conferences are going well!

- 4th and 5th grade Museum Nights were successful and engaging!

- MAP Growth midyear testing K-5 – December & MAP Fluency midyear testing K-3 – January
  - MAP Testing: Dec. 10th-Reading; Dec. 11th-Math

Upcoming Dates

- December 6 - Families
- December 10 – MAP Growth Reading (K-5)
- December 11 – MAP Growth Math (K-5)
- December 17-19 – Holiday Parties
- December 20 – PJ Day & Winter Literacy Day
- December 23 – January 3 – Winter Break

- January 6 – Teacher Workday
- January 7 – Students return
- January 9 – Report Cards & MAP Growth reports sent home
- January 13-16 – MAP Fluency (K-3)