

Sugar Hill Elementary School Council Minutes

01/29/2024

Members Present: Dr. Nick Boyers (Principal), Megan Nix (4th grade), Lisa Sapp (Special Education), Billy Christensen (parent), Kyle Jones (Director of Academies and CTE), Mason Roszel (parent), Rozaura Hall (parent), Mike Sohn (parent),

- History of Sugar Hill ES update. Dr. Boyers shared the vision and overall goal, which is to develop a timeline of Sugar Hill and highlight this through hallway display at the school. He shared some artifacts from the historical preservation society, as well as some highlights from his research. A committee has been working on ideas to brighten up the hallways at the school, and Dr. Boyers shared some additional ideas with the council members. Mrs. Hall shared that the hallway displays should be kid friendly in regard to the amount of print (reading) that would be required to understand the display.
- Dr. Boyers reviewed the Explore Sugar Hill initiative. He shared where each grade level will be visiting and how these locations complement the standards for each grade level.
- Dr. Boyers provided a staffing update. A teacher resigned in January due to personal issues and students from that homeroom were divided up between the other teachers on the grade level. The school is in the process of interviewing for an EIP teacher to support the grade level. The transfer portal within GCPS was reviewed and Dr. Boyers is currently interviewing highly-qualified candidates who requested a transfer to Sugar Hill.
- Sugar Hill is currently in the process of a new carpet installation. The contractors are working after school hours. Paint and new ceiling tiles will be completed over the summer. Due to this, summer school will be at Sycamore Elementary School.
- Dr. Boyers shared staffing projections for next year. A survey was sent out at a faculty meeting that asked teachers to prioritize staffing needs. The top priorities were class sizes, multilingual teachers, duty free lunch, and Kindergarten Parapro. The tentative staffing plan was shared that would include eight teachers in grades 1-5 and seven teachers in Kindergarten and continuing Kindergarten parapro support within the kindergarten classrooms.
- ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief) funding has expired. Possible implications were discussed, as well as prioritizing class sizes.
- Mrs. Hall suggested a special that focused more on learning to type. Other parents on school council agreed that typing practice should be more integrated into the curriculum.
- Mr. Christensen shared that he is also on the School Council at another school. There have been conversations around the impact of social media and the goal was to

brainstorm how to educate students on the dangers of social media. Are there more things we can do to within the school to be proactive at the elementary level? The committee discussed ways to improve more communication to students and parents regarding this issue. Some suggestions were providing information at parent-teacher conferences and/or incorporating this discussion into All Pro Dad events.