

## BURRUS ES SDMC MEETING

June 1, 2023

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

In attendance:

**Nicole Williams**, Principal

**Alexandra Ellis**, SPED Chair

**Martha Starghill**, parent

**Chelisa Lacy**, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Erin Green, Magnet Coordinator

Irene Garcia, Administrative Assistant

Kyle Mackey, Teacher Specialist

Tanya Debose

- Community Celebration
  - Today was the appreciation luncheon for community members to show them how much we appreciate them, they are valued, and to showcase some of the Burrus talent.
- FACE Award
  - Last year, Burrus received Gold Award for Family Friendly Schools from FACE (Family and Community Engagement). This year, we received the Platinum Award. We are excited about that and the community partnerships we've established as well as our volunteers. We look forward to more partnerships for the upcoming school year.
- Instruction
  - Preliminary STAAR results are in.
  - State is working to figure out cut off score based on state's performance.
    - We are unsure of what the passing rate is for Approaching, Meets, and Masters.
    - We've been asked not to use the score to make predictions or projections as it relates to accountability.
    - Official scores would not be received until August
  - Today is the first day TEA is taking over the district
    - We received an email announcing our new Superintendent, Mr. Mike Miles outlining his plans for the district
    - We have not received any further information
  - We are moving into using Eureka Math Curriculum instead of former curriculum
    - Required trainings have taken place at beginning of year, some will take place this summer, and in August.
    - District will pay teachers for their attendance in these trainings
    - For Reading instruction, we will use HMH as well as iReady
      - We will no longer use Ren360 or Imagine Literacy
    - Trainings are available this summer or teachers and leaders as well

- Dissolving Lesson Plan Template to align with Eureka Curriculum
  - SDMC voted
    - Starghill voted yes.
    - Debose voted yes.
    - Green voted yes.
    - There weren't any nays.
- Summer school
  - Summer school will take place at Kennedy ES
  - If students need transportation, they can come to Burrus and be bused to Kennedy
  - Starghill explained summer school resources:
    - Amplify – Reading
    - Eureka – Math
    - Scope and Sequence are already available as well as materials
    - Summer school teachers will get a glance at what to expect from Eureka
  - Debose: typed in chat that she was concerned about students coming back to Burrus if they are attending Kennedy and why is summer school taking place at Kennedy instead of Burrus
  - Williams: the district normally combines campuses for summer school and Burrus was combined with Kennedy last year as well
- Recruitment Plan
  - Dr. Green and PTO President Natasha Johnson met to discuss a summer recruitment plan to increase enrollment
  - Mrs. Johnson is also seeking VIPS approved volunteers to help with this effort
  - Dr. Green: will send PTO president the finalized school calendar
    - July 10<sup>th</sup> walking recruitment committee to knock on doors of zoned students who do not attend Burrus
    - Small meeting to discuss next steps based on results from walk
    - August 12 – festival for student shots, haircuts, VIPS drive
    - There is a vision of having more participation from parents
    - There is a goal of reaching at least 300 student before end of summer
  - Community partners are supporting in meeting the needs of our students
    - Kicks and Cuts in partnership with Sergeant Jeremy Lahar and his organization. They've agreed to sponsor 100 students to give shoes and haircuts to at Ebenezer BC.
    - Frost Bank will return in July to give out backpacks and school supplies to 200 of our students
- Surveys
  - Leadership team sent out surveys for feedback
  - Results and feedback are being used to keep to plan for next year and to keep teachers happy within the scope of what we can target and fix.
  - Surveys were completely anonymous

- Teacher Dress Code
  - Proposal: Should teachers be able to wear work-appropriate jeans everyday next year to make them happy and comfortable?
    - Green: Voted Yes
    - Garcia: Voted Yes
    - Starghill: Voted Yes
    - Madison: Voted Yes
    - Lacy: Voted Yes
    - Ellis: Voted Yes
    - Mackey: Voted Yes
      - It was decided that jeans could be worn for 2023-2024 school year as long as there are no holes, rips, or tears in them.
- Questions, Comments, Concerns
  - Ellis: No questions, thoughts, or concerns at this time.
  - Garcia: Are students allowed to wear their jeans as well instead of uniforms?
    - Williams proposed to SDMC Committee
      - Starghill: We should be flexible to students as well.
      - Williams: So should we allow uniform shirts and blue jeans?
      - Starghill: Uniform shirts but blue jeans as an option
    - SDMC votes
      - Green: Voted Yes
      - Garcia: Voted Yes
      - Lacy: Voted Yes
      - Mackey: Voted Yes
      - Madison: Voted Yes
      - Ellis: Voted Yes
      - Debose: Voted Yes
    - Ellis: What would be appropriate for students? Sometimes jeans are too tight on some of our girls.
    - Debose: Jeans vs. jeggings
    - Williams: So, with some specifics around wearing jeans. No jeggings. We'll add visuals in the handbook for the parents.
  - Madison: Is there a way for parents to come in to sign in their tardy students?
    - Williams: This was an issue last year with parents getting out to sign in their students. We can revisit and vote on this. The reason why we stopped doing it was because teachers and parents were concerned about the amount of people coming in and out of the building.
    - Starghill: The procedures we have right now is perfect with parents picking up on the outside of the gate. Was there a change in data vs parents coming in to sign in. Maybe free dress on Fridays with students with excellent attendance to get them motivated to come on time.
    - Mackey: Is there a plan?

- Starghill: I can come up with a plan but it will require teachers to cooperate.
- Williams: We can definitely explore this further. Last year we attempted to do a “being on time incentive” where we picked their names out of a bucket for a prize at the end of the week. This was for each grade level. Any other thoughts or suggestions.
- Lacy: What about using class Dojo for attendance?
- Williams: That’s a good thought. Can you take attendance on Dojo?
- Lacy: Yes
- Williams: Ok that’s a god option
- Garcia: Maybe not having parents come in but buzzing at the gate because you can’t see little ones in the camera.
- Lacy: Concerned about students being dropped off and left at the gate. Highly unsafe
- Green: Is there a way to have parents to sign in without coming into the building
- Williams: What about the elements?
- Green: They would come into the building in that case
- Starghill: Would that affect our attendance with parents not wanting to even bring the child to school because they have to get out of the car
- Lacy: Yes. You’re right
- Garcia: What can we do about parents who will not honor coming in and still drive off?
- Williams: What can we do?
- Garcia: I do call them, but sometimes they don’t answer
- Votes:
  - Lacy: Voted parents should come in
  - Starghill: Voted nay
  - Mackey: Voted parents should come in
  - Madison: Voted parents should come in
  - Ellis: Voted nay
  - Green: Voted parents should come in
  - Garcia: Voted parents should come in
  - Williams: Voted nay
    - We will allow parents to come in the building for 2023-2024 school year and explore the option of a tardy table
- Lacy: We could make a video of how and how not to unload your kid.
- Debose: Coming inside builds accountability.
- Meeting closed 1:38pm
  - Ellis: seconded
  - Garcia: agreed
  - Starghill: agreed
  - Mackey: agreed

- Green: agreed