

LSC minutes 3/14/07

Attendance

Charlia Faulkner
Terry Bryant
James Eubanks
Lisa Pinkerton
Rebecca Anderson
Laurie Ferguson
Heather Pullen

Old Business

1. Discussed the success and interest in Fulton County Schools at the job fair in Clemson, SC.
2. SPLOST III Encourage voting on Wednesday, March 20, 2007.
3. Learning Matters Early Release program has been successful. Data supports early release and attendance shows to be that of a typical full day. The only concern was the number of students buying lunch from the cafeteria decreasing at some schools. Schools will continue to look into how to best use this time for staff training.
4. Mr. Feehan will discuss, if needed, the progress of the development at Kimball Bridge and North Point.
5. Northwestern principal will speak at our next meeting on May 16th regarding gender based learning and their research.

New Business

1. Testing Hours: Data was shared regarding time spent testing at each grade level. Curriculum, testing, and school council are concerns from the cluster. Questions raised by the cluster include: What is the benefit to the children? Is there too much testing?
2. As reported at the LSC Cluster Meeting: Graduation Requirements: A school board member would like to have a discussion/vote as to whether or not all students leaving high school with either a certificate or a diploma should be allowed to walk at the graduation ceremony. Currently only students who graduate with a diploma are allowed to walk at the ceremony.
3. As reported at the LSC Cluster Meeting: Math textbook adoption: A board member wants to re-evaluate the selection of the Scott Foresman textbook for math for 2007-2008. Parents and teachers selected this book partially because it follows and supports GPS. It was suggested FC adopt the Houghton Mifflin textbook instead. This text does not follow GPS. Board meeting to discuss this is 3/15/07. The board will make the final decision.
4. Local School Council Proposition: House Bill 208 was introduced by State Representative Jan Jones. This bill promotes having a majority of parents over teachers as LSC members. These parents should also be business partners. A parent would be the chairperson for the committee.
5. 2007-2008 LSC members:
Terry Bryant- yes 2007-2008
Lisa Pinkerton- yes 2007-2008
Rebecca Anderson- yes 2007-2008

Laurie Ferguson- yes 2007-2008

Heather Pullen- yes 2007-2008

Charlie Feehan- hopefully yes 2007-2008

James Eubanks- no 2007-2008 (youngest child moving on to middle school)

6. Overpass will be discussed at another meeting.

For our next meeting: Think about a goal we want to attain as an LSC committee for 2007-2008.

Next LSC meeting scheduled for May 16, 2007 at 2:00.