**Hartsfield Elementary School**

**School Advisory Council Meeting**

**November 19, 2015 / 5:30-6:30**

**Minutes**

Michael Landrum chair.

Katherine Solz, Roger Pinholster, Marie-Claire Leman, Steve Mills, Ava Williams, BJ Van Camp, Gregory Holloway, Cindy Roy, Vernisha Howard, Jason Strom, Grace Frances, Kara Yancey, Michael Landrum, Lee Parker, Judi McDowell, Taylor Conley, Faydre Hawks Brown, Sheena Salter, Wafa Elsaka, Mary Jo Peltier, Nancy Oakley.

Regrets: Wendy Davis, Will Hanley

Minutes: Jason Strom

1. Meeting Called to Order: 5:35
2. **Approval of Minutes**. Moved Van Camp, Seconded Williams. Carried.
3. **PTO Update**: The PTO, represented by Nancy Oakley, expressed gratitude for the wonderful volunteers they are receiving this year. Fundraising has been a success this year. There were no questions on submitted reports concerning Community In Schools Update / Parent/Community Involvement.
4. **Principal’s Update**: Van Camp introduced Elsaka to share the success of Student Guernica:

* Elsaka presented multiple pieces created by students that are modeled after Picasso's Guernica. This project has celebrated huge successes over the years and continues to be an achievement for students today. The work performed by Elsaka has proven to help students find a more peaceful mindset and to help resolve internal conflicts between students. She currently is working on a proposal to display the works at Cascades Park, Nene Fest, and the Culture Fair. Landrum also commented on the growth in communication between students.
* Van Camp presented information on School Accountability Data:
  + The goal is to have 40% of students at each grade level standard.
  + 2 of 6 grades met last year's goal.
  + Currently, only 1st and 2nd grades are meeting this goal.
  + 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade levels are not currently meeting goal, and are experiencing a recession.
  + Work is currently being done to fine tune the assessments in order to bring the grades back up.
  + The 3rd quarter looks forward to improving the focus between teacher and student.
  + Hartsfield is a very busy school at this point in time, and we must work to balance all of our goals.
* School Grading is set for a hearing and vote on January 6th with the community and legislation. School Grades are set to change to Achievement Percentages and no longer work under the Point System. Van Camp explained the shift in Learning Gains and philosophical difference in new grading system. Public comments may be made on the Florida DOE website. Expressed concern that it is becoming difficult for the teachers and administration to do the job.
  + Leman: Questions the entire system and encourages a more holistic view of state standards. Inquired on how a change in population affects the testing data from quarter to quarter. Van Camp replied that students' scores follow them through schools.
* A classroom support specialist position has been released for Hartsfield, however the position has not yet been filled. Finding a suitable candidate is proving difficult, and everyone wants to make sure the best person for the job is found.
  + Frances: inquired about commitment for position should it not be filled this year? Van Camp replied that commitment is there, but she plans to fill the position this year.

1. **EDEP Updates / DAC Update**.

* Holloway informed us that the 21st Century Program is currently capped. He has experienced a lot of growth and interest in percussion. The Lights On Program was a huge success. They are looking forward to spring and the March of Dimes and Million Book Challenge.

1. **Title 1 Talking Points**

* Leman reported that there is still work to be done.
* "Sketches" have been put together on Title ! awareness:
  + How to attract and retain effective teachers and staff
  + Focusing on the Whole Child:
    - Lowering class sizes
    - Focus on holistic view of students
    - Measuring less on test scores
  + Accountability and Vocalization in community about school grades
  + Communication of school closings due to charter schools, vouchers, etc.
  + Parent and community involved in bringing the school to the community.
* Lots of brainstorming has happened on what to present the Title 1 Advisory Board.
* Park: Commented on bringing media content to the community and also about researching what other schools in the state are doing to reach community members.
* Frances inquired about recruitment of students currently in the community Pre-K and Day Cares. Frances also suggested working towards beautifying the campus in order to attract parents and students.

1. **Announcements and/or Other Information for the Good of the Order:**

* Roy: Motion to cancel December SAC Meeting and reconvene in January
* Mills: Seconded

**9. Adjournment**

* Roy: Motion to adjourn meeting
* Grace: Seconded

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 21, 2015, 5:30