

Hampton Middle School

HMS Council Meeting September 27, 2023

Meeting Minutes

The Hampton Middle School Council meeting was called to order at 8:17 am September 27, 2023, by Dr. Lydia Williams, Principal of HMS. Council members present were Dr. Lydia Williams (School Principal), Ms. Jessica Rhynes (Parent), Ms. Latashia Cole (Parent), Ms. Kelly Sketo (Parent), Ms. Abimbola Oladejo (Parent), Dr. Sherman Bonds (HMS Teacher), and Ms. Virginia Stroik (HMS Teacher).

Dr. Williams began this meeting by introducing herself to the membership body. She then proceeded to allow each member of the council to introduce themselves to the membership body. Dr. Williams then provided a brief overview of the purpose of the council. She further disclosed the officers' titles, roles and functions. Dr. Williams informed the body of that they needed to elect a Council Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary.

Thus, the first order of business for this meeting was the election of officers.

- Dr. Bonds made the motion to nominate Ms. Latashia Cole to serve in the role of Council Chairperson. Dr. Bonds motion was second by Ms. Kelly Sketo. Dr. Williams received the motion and presented it to the body where it was unanimously approved.
- Ms. Latashia Cole made the motion to nominate Ms. Kelly Sketo to serve in the role of Council Vice Chairperson. Ms. Latashia Cole motion was second by Dr. Bonds. Dr. Williams received the motion and presented it to the body where it was unanimously approved.
- Ms. Latashia Cole made the motion to nominate Dr. Sherman Bonds to serve in the role of Council Secretary. Ms. Latashia Cole motion was second by Ms. Virginia Stroik . Dr. Williams received the motion and presented it to the body where it was unanimously approved.

After the election of officers, Dr. Williams provided an overview of the meeting agenda. As a part of the review of the agenda, the specific dates for the HMS meetings were discussed, and a consensus was drawn from the body that the council would meet at least twice a year face-to-face. The date for the first face-to-face meeting will be December 14, 2023, here at HMS. The second face-to-face meeting will be March 28, 2024, location HMS.

Dr. Williams then provided the Council members with an overview of HMS achievement data. Dr. Williams presented a snap of the school's data for ELA, Math, Writing, and Science. She further reviewed the school's goals for continuous improvement.

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- ❖ Language Arts – scores decreased in 6th and 7th grade
- ❖ Math – scores decreased in 6th and 8th
- ❖ MAP Reading – scores decreased in 8th grade
- ❖ Writing – score decreased in 7th and 8th
- ❖ Science – decrease in 8th

2024 Goals:

- 🚦 Improve reading levels
 - In the morning, add reading prior to school starting
 - Kids will rotate books to swap amongst their friends

- Teachers are identifying reading strategies (i.e. closed reading articles) and they are looking at these strategies monthly; starting this month they are doing novel studies to learn to read lengthy books
- Students will get MAP scores next week and will set upcoming MAP goals
 - Goals will be monitored and when they take their MAP tests in the winter
 - MAP is administered 3 times per year
- ✚ Improve Algebra I scores:
 - Was written in the budget to have after-school tutoring and Saturday tutoring
- ✚ PBIS:
 - Increase student attendance from 92% to 95% and increase the number of students with 1 or fewer behavior referrals from 79% to 89%
- ✚ Operational Systems Improvements:
 - District allowing teachers to remain in school later than normal
- ✚ Schedule Analysis – Gifted
 - Got first round of MAP scores from the fall, pulled kids that might benefit from testing in Gifted
 - What is the time frame to retest if fail Gifted test?
- ✚ Fall MAP 2023 Administration Participation:
 - Lower than desired participation (maybe due to COVID, sickness, etc.)
- ✚ Office Referrals:
 - 887 for last school year
 - One of the top referrals was cell phones out in the classroom (Misuse of Electronics)
- ✚ Discipline:
 - Level 1 – Phones
 - Level 2 – Fighting
- ✚ Student of the Month
 - Next Month
 - Inviting parents and teachers
 - Get a yard sign, t-shirt, and get a certificate
 - Provide them with Chick-fil-A boxes for lunch
- ✚ Sweets for Success
 - For all students passing all their classes
 - Will do this every 4 weeks
- ✚ Pep Rally:
 - First Pep Rally they had since pre-covid and it was a HUGE success
 - We expect your behavior to be in check and have fun
- ✚ Field Trips:
 - Encouraged teachers to take field trips
- ✚ November 16 – Cluster Fall Festival
 - Will address this at the State of the School tomorrow (September 28, 2023)
- ✚ Dr. Williams will reach out about what to include on the agenda next month
- ✚ Mini Homecoming Week next week (i.e., Dress-up theme dates, dance, etc.)

Dr. Williams concluded the meeting by emphasizing the school's priority outcomes, the goal of reducing office referrals for discipline, and fundraising. The council members' participation was vibrant and encouraging. Dr. Williams called for an adjournment of the meeting at approximately 9:15 AM.