

**MINUTES
HULL MIDDLE SCHOOL
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

October 8, 2010

The Hull Middle School Local School Council met in regular session on Friday, October 8, 2010 at 8:00 am. The meeting was held at Hull Middle School, 1950 Old Peachtree Road, Duluth, Georgia 30097.

Local School Council Members present:

Loleta Bethea	Luann Kosa	Denise Showell
Jamie Castro	Michael Mathew	Tricia Sumpter
Kathy Druian	Angie Gilliam	Denise Hatmacher
Sandi Lovely	Erica Hall	Cindy Sandage

Twelve members were present, representing a quorum. There were two visitors: Dana Porter-presenter and Anamika Dwivedy-parent/visitor.

1. Old Business:

A. The minutes from the September 10, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

B. Best Book Club: Mr. Matthews reported that the first meeting of the school's book club met on 9/29/10 and approx. 40 parents/students were in attendance including several School Council members. The goal of the book club is to encourage reading between parents/students. Those in attendance were given the selection of 3 books to read. The next meeting will be held on Nov. 8, 2010 at which time staff volunteers will led a discussion on the books.

2. New Business

A. Burnett Elementary Representative: A representative from Burnett Elementary will be appointed next year to serve on the School Council 2011-2012 since this is the first year it is open.

B. Growth Update: Mrs. Showell reported that the school's actual attendance is greater than the projected amount. At the last count there were 2410 students resulting in the addition of more staff: Drama Teacher (P/T); Literacy Connection Teacher (P/T); Accelerated Science/Social Studies Teacher (F/T); and Math Teacher (F/T).

C. Balanced Literacy Approach- Dana Porter-Presenter/Literacy Instructor Hull Middle School. Ms. Porter introduced a new approach the school is implementing to teach, study and apply the basic concepts of reading and writing across all curriculums. This approach uses the Workshop Model Approach where the instructor spends a limited amount of time lecturing and then the students apply the ideas learned. Balanced literacy is: integrated and student centered. The school is excited about

this venture and hopes to improve students' Literacy skills.

D. Facebook- Mrs. Bethea reported that someone created a Hull Middle School Facebook page on the internet in which former/current students are using it as an outlet to make derogatory comments about the school's staff and students. This page was created without the knowledge of or approval by the school. Mrs. Showell reported that the school cannot remove the page from the internet but students and parents are being encouraged not to participate in this negative media outlet. The school has appointed two staff members (Media Specialist/Tech. staff) to monitor the postings to ensure there are no threats made to students or staff.

3. Adjournment: With no further business to come before the Local School Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 am. The next meeting of the HMS Local School Council will be held on Friday, November 12, 2010 at Hull Middle School at 8:00 am.