

# Oconee County Primary School

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## School Council Minutes

September 20, 2017  
7:30-8:45 AM

### Attendance:

**Parent Representatives:** Carole Anne Kelley, Lollie Hoots, & Steven Nugent.

**Business Partners:** MaryBeth Guest (Superintendent's Advisory Board) & Suzanne Baldwin.

**Staff Representatives:** Julie Rogers (2016-18) & Jaqueline Shoemaker (2016-18)

**Ex Officio(s):** Jennifer Adams (Principal) & Sara Johnson (Asst. Principal)

- **Call to Order:** JA called the meeting to order promptly at 7:30 am.
- **Recognition of Visitors**
  - JA welcomed us and we introduced ourselves.
- **Presentation to School Council**
  - Overview of School Council: JA gave a brief description and distributed copies of the Georgia and OCPS Bylaws and OCPS Mission statement and beliefs to each member. The mission statement and beliefs were updated this summer by the leadership team and we use them to guide and determine what we are doing this school year.
- **Report of the Principal**
  - I. **New Faculty and staff:** We hired 1 teacher Jamie Evans (1st grade). Our enrolment is 377 and the ratio is 56 students:1 parapro. Each K class has a full time paraprofessional. For 50 minutes each day 3 of these paras go to 2nd grade and another 3 to 1st grade to help the teachers. Our PE para, Rebecca, comes in at 6:30 am to make copies and help with anything else teachers may need.
  - II. **Climate Survey and AdvancED:** Accreditation is done every 5 years. For OCPS, the climate survey is based on CCRPI score since we do not do testing, We got 5\* (Excellent) score and it was based on input from parents, teachers, and administration.
  - III. **School Improvement Plan:** JA showed us the PPT that she had presented at the recent BOE meeting for our Points of Pride. Our garden project, headed by Susan Howard (2nd grade teacher), continues to be

a great success and it benefits our 2nd grade students as they explore and learn various skills across the curriculum, incorporating Science, Math, Language Arts and educating the whole child. The harvest and other craft projects made by the students were quickly sold at our Little Chiefs Market Place and it raised \$1700 for ESP.

**IV. Points of Pride:** Additional Points of Pride included:

- The Walton EMC and Oconee Chamber of Commerce grants won by several teachers.
  - All OCPS teachers will be Gifted certified at the end of this school year.
  - We will be celebrating our school's 30th anniversary in late January to highlight our growth and achievements for the past 30 years.
  - We have also started a school-wide "Vocabulary Week" initiative that is grade level specific to help expand our students' vocabulary..
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- **Report from Parent Advisory Meeting – MaryBeth Guest**
    - The School Board is working on getting the school calendar set 2 years at a time. The 1st day will be the first Wednesday in August but there are suggestions to start earlier to give us more wiggle room.
    - Growth: Dove Creek Elementary redistricting lines are open for discussion and a forum meeting is set for Oct 10 @ 6:00 pm at NOHS. The decision will be finalized on Nov. 14. Redistricting will mainly affect families in the Malcom Bridge and Rocky Branch areas.
  - **New Business:** No new business was discussed.
  - **Upcoming Meetings**
    - Wednesday, November 8th: endeavor.
    - Wednesday, February 14th
    - Wednesday, April 18th
  - **Develop Agenda for Next Meeting:** It was suggested that we invite the new Communications Director for an introduction or her responsibilities and goals for OCS and Dr. Claire Miller to update us on the progress of our AdvancED
  - **Adjournment:** We adjourned at 8:45 am.

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