

**Chesney Elementary School
School Council / Parent Leader Meeting**

August 12, 2011

8:00am – 9:00am

AGENDA

1. Call meeting to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Margaret Ackerman, Chesney ES Principal, called the meeting to order and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Ackerman opened the meeting with a warm welcome, introduced herself and had the attendees introduce themselves. Ms. Ackerman again thanked the parents in attendance and discussed norms for the meetings. She stated that she will always honor their time by communicating additional information to them through e-mails, follow an agenda, consider all opinions, and start the meetings on time. Packets containing the Parent Leaders Agenda, Parent Involvement Survey Results, Parent Leadership Academy letter, Title I budget, Drafts of School-Parent Compact, Action Plan, Parent Involvement Policy, Title I Committee invitation, Georgia PIRC flyer, Feedback form and Wish List request were given to all attendees.

4. Training Update and Review of By-Laws / Officers

Ms. Ackerman indicated that the goal of the first part of the meeting was to elect School Council officers. Mrs. Lana Tolbert volunteered to be Chairperson, Mrs. Mary Greenway offered to be Vice-Chairman and Mrs. Marta Davis accepted the role of Secretary agreeing to take the meeting minutes and send them out to the Parent Leaders.

The GOAL of the School Council is to support student academic success and for the students to be a successful vehicle in our community.

Ms. Ackerman covered the by-laws:

*Georgia law requires meeting four times a year

*There must be at least two members present in the meetings

*Officers serve a two year term

*Vacancies occur if an officer resigns or Council terminates someone

5. The Duluth Foundation:

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Duluth Cluster Schools Foundation is to unite all members of our unique community to benefit the Duluth Cluster Schools as they Challenge All to Succeed (CATS) in academics, arts, and athletics.

Purpose of the Foundation:

The purpose of the foundation is to support specific needs of our community and to enhance areas that need assistance not provided by the Gwinnett County School System. We have no legislative purpose or goals based on national policies. The foundation is dedicated to the students in the Duluth School Cluster and will work toward building better communication between schools and our community.

Ms. Ackerman then directed the parent attention to the Duluth Foundation flyer in their packet. She explained that the Foundation helps promote education in the Duluth Cluster in many ways. She introduced Mr. Victor Atkins as a parent who is actively involved with the Foundation and serves along with Ami Bombardieri as Chesney representatives. Mr. Atkins spoke of how it supports academic goals and awards schools with funds for approved Grants. Mrs. Ackerman reminded the group about the Grant we had approved at the end of last school year which will be used to purchase equipment for the playground. The Foundation focuses on supporting student growth from Kindergarten thru 12th grade. Mrs. Anji Bowers indicated that Mr. Atkins is also serving on the PTA Executive board as Vice President and Mrs. Bombardieri and Mrs. Sandra Walker are PTA Co-Presidents this year.

6. CES 2011 – 2012 Activities List

Ms. Ackerman shared the CES Activity List (handout) and emphasized the importance of our August 25th Curriculum Night. This is an opportunity for parents to spend quality time with the classroom teacher and support staff. September 9th is the next Parent Leaders Meeting and Saturday, September 10th is Family Fun Day at Kroger. Mr. Jim Person, New Beginnings Fellowship Church, stated that his organization will support this function again this year. Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings will be held on September 15th. All of these activities are covered in the Chief Notes weekly parent newsletter.

7. Parent Leadership Academy @ Radloff MS

Mrs. Anji Bowers, Parent Instructional Support Coordinator (PISC), invited the group to attend a Parent Leadership Academy (PLA) Orientation at Radloff MS. She indicated the value of the classes and how they are in close proximity to our school. Mrs. Belinda Ford was then introduced as a Chesney parent graduate of the PLA. Ms. Ford gave an overview of the program including the three class levels. She said, "They meet from 6 – 9 PM at Radloff MS and provide childcare. It covers how to deal with your Child effectively and anything to assist you in working with your child."

8. Future School Council / Parent Leader Meetings:

- September 9, 2011 – 8 a.m.
- October 14, 2011 – 8 a.m.
- January 13, 2012 – 8 a.m.
- February 10, 2012 – 8 a.m.
- April 17, 2012 – 5 p.m.
- May 18, 2012 – 8 a.m.

*All meetings are open to the public.

9. Title I Review and Revisions: See back for separate Agenda

Family Center (First left from foyer; first door on right) open: Monday – Friday 8:30am-3:00pm (& by appointment)
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