

MEETINGS Form  
CHESNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Date 01/11/08

Members present: Laura Gavin, Melissa Knight, Steve Beizer, Rachel Cohen, Carol Atkins-Sylvester, Nicole Battle

Grade Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Items	Decision Made / Action Taken	Person Responsible
Call to Order	Ms. Atkins-Sylvester welcomed everyone and discussed the agenda items that would be covered at the next meeting on March 14 <sup>th</sup> . She noted that the Spanish Club was recommended by the council and is now available to students at Chesney.	Carol Atkins-Sylvester
Introduction of guest	Mrs. Weaver introduced Dr. Mary Kay Murphy. Dr. Murphy thanked everyone and explained her role with GCPS. She stated the GCPS is the largest in the state of Georgia and one of the largest in the nation. She indicated that the district's growth is 4000-4500 students each year. She stated that Chesney is scheduled for a building addition in 2011.	Pat Weaver Dr. Mary Kay Murphy
Legislative issues relating to schools	1. HR 900 – proposed to eliminate property tax and add additional taxes in other areas, such as: goods and some consumer services. Georgia State Board Association (GSBA) states that property tax is basic to the funding of education.	Dr. Mary Kay Murphy
	2. Georgia Graduation Requirements – One standard diploma, College Prep (CP) will be required. All students will be required to complete 23 units. The new requirements will go into effect for students enrolling in the 9 <sup>th</sup> grade in 2008-09 school year.	
Question and answer session	Dr. Murphy opened the floor for questions. She went into great detail explaining the issues. She stated that we could do 2 things: study the issues and contact representatives with concerns or questions. Each individual was given handouts explaining these issues in detail.	Dr. Mary Kay Murphy
Adjourn meeting	The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM	Carol Atkins-Sylvester