

## Meeting Minutes GAPS

**Monday, September 11th 2017**

Grimshaw School Main Office Conference Room

6:30pm

10 people in attendance

**Welcome:** New GAPS Officers - Jen Ousby, President

- Jen Booher, Treasurer

- Sunshine Ouimette, Secretary

### **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

\*Smart Snacks will start Friday, September 22nd - Thank you to Leah Race and volunteers for providing & exposing our students to nutritional, unusual/creative snacks. Given to classes every two weeks.

\*Charleston Wrap Fundraiser will run from October 1st - 11th - Thank you to Tracey Gray for organizing. Proceeds will go to Grandparents Day. Notices/flyers should be arriving to school, soon.

\*Apple Festival: October 7th & 8th - Teachers work at the Apple Cider Farm Stand and take proceeds toward their classrooms.

\*Optimist Halloween Party: October 27th - Thank you to Lafayette Optimist Group for funding this great event, and to the Lafayette Teen Institute for their continued help in the set up, running the activities & games and for clean up. And thank you, also, to the Lafayette H.S. Senior class for their continued help with the haunted house.

**Administrative Report:** Principal, Jen Blossey

\* Had a great opening day of school, welcoming back students, including 20 new students.

\*New superintendent, Jeremy Belfield, is inviting all parents for a listening session during curriculum night, at the cafeteria. Invitation to be made/distributed, soon.

\*Feedback on School Messenger via text and email as main forms of communication from school to home, for reminders.

\*School Goal:

- is to improve attendance ; Perhaps, in the cafeteria, will have posters up of each class/grade's attendance, at the end of each month. As an incentive, to keep up the good work, may have a lottery, at the end of each month, for successful class/grades. At the end of the year, students with perfect attendance may go into a lottery and win a prize.

- improve students' academics in reading, writing and mathematics. Have new identification to measure proficiency. ELA evaluation will be this week, math evaluation will be next week.

\*Clarification on district calendar regarding state assessments. There are actually only 2 days of testing, (held on a Tuesday & Wednesday) not the 5 days that are marked on the calendar. ELA 4th-6th grades are computer based assessment, held in April. Math assessments are paper & pencil test, held in May.

\*Reminder for students to have appropriate footwear (sneakers or shoes with backs) in case of fire drills, and especially during nice weather, for outdoor play.

**Treasurer Report:** Jen Booher

\*Briefly discussed GAPS fundraising expense report.

\* Discussed the possibility of using new/other fundraisers, eg: pies, cookie doughs, seeds/bulbs or having the option for families to opt out of fundraisers and instead giving family donations. Suggestions of providing a list of where donations/fundraisers are allocated/used.

Voting: \$150 for Kindergarten classes for their binders, etc needed for graduation. All attendees voted yes.

**Closing**