

Altamaha Elementary School Advisory Council Summary 2019 - 2020

Members

 $Rhonda\ Hollis-Principal$

Shelly Horton - Secretary - Media Specialist

Gretchen Miles - Instructional Support

Heather Clegg – GR 2 Teacher (Term ending 2021)

Daina Milton – GR 4 Teacher (Term ending 2020)

Andy Atkins – Chair – Business / Parent Representative

(Term ending 2022)

Robin Crosby – Business / Parent Representative (Term

ending 2021)

Cristy Taylor – Business / Parent Representative (Term

ending 2022)

Amy McCall –Community / Parent Representative (Term ending

2020)

 $Kyle\ Mercer-Community\ /\ Parent\ Representative\ (\textit{Term\ ending}$

2021)

Jennifer Rogers –Parent Representative (*Term ending 2022*)

Laurel Pittman – Parent Representative (Term ending

2021)

 $Priscilla\ Howard-Vice-Chair-Parent\ Representative$

(Term ending 2021)

Tori Stone – Parent Representative (Term ending 2022)

Officers

Chair: Andy Atkins Vice-Chair: Priscilla Howard Secretary: Shelly Horton

Summary for Meetings (8-12-19; 10-28-19; 3-2-2020; virtual meeting 5-4-2020)

In the first meeting (8-12-2019), officers were elected, and all members were trained on the GA School Council Guidebook. The school improvement plan - goals and strategies discussed and input was solicited from the members to revise and approve plan. CCRPI FY'20, new staff members, School Resource Deputy (duties and responsibilities), Butterfly Garden additions, and school enrollment were also presented. Parent engagement allocations and expenditures, compacts, and parent engagement policy were also presented, discussed, and revised.

In the second meeting (10-28-2019), AR updated, Red Ribbon Week & Bully Prevention Month Activities were presented. CCRPI FY'19 Report, School Climate, and attendance/enrollment were presented and discussed. Committee was asked to help with the upcoming surveys with parents and students: Georgia Student Health Survey and Georgia Parent Survey. Parent / Family Engagement information regarding the Whole Child (learner) was presented. The council discussed Parents/Families input on what the school can be doing to improve communication with parents/families. Upcoming Title I Parent/Family Engagement Activities/Events, such as Altamaha's Annual Title I Overview Presentations, were discussed, especially the distribution of Parent & Family Engagement Plans for the district / school, the school compact, and grade level expectations. Other upcoming events included the Title I Curriculum Night (Math/Technology), Thanksgiving family meal, school-wide Christmas musical and the next parent advisory meeting date and time. A concern brought up by parents was parent pick-up, having a system to identify parents or family members picking up a child.

In the third meeting (3-2-2020), school council discussions consisted of 40 Days of Legislation, proposed FY'21 school budget, school enrollment with FY'21 class size projection, FY'21 fund raisers, FY'21 school activities/events, GMAS, Illuminate, and FASTBridge testing dates. Parent-Family Engagement District and schools 2020-2021 plans were presented for council input. Input from parents regarding 2020-2021 compacts 1% Parent-Family Engagement Allocation Expenditure was shared with the council. Due to members' terms ending as of May 2020, new members will be appointed with the suggestion of the committee in August 2020.

In the fourth meeting (5-4-2020), a virtual meeting was held because of COVID-19 and State guidelines. The council discussed how instruction was being provided to students and how teachers were using this opportunity for extended professional learning. Other topics discussed were postponing of GMAS and other assessments, continuing with this year's school improvement plan for FY20 school year, and keeping the same school improvement goals. Another discussion topic was school and district Parent and Family Engagement plans and school compact for FY21 will remain the same as FY20 with the exception of dates.