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**August 20, 2018  
School Governance Team Meeting  
5:30 PM Dr. Johnson's Office**

***Members Present:*** Dr. Veronica Johnson, Courtney Hart, Beth Allen, Amy Adams, Rene' Starrett, Lee Adams, Ed Hoy, Billie Lewis, Lee Robertson, Jannita Glenn, Robin Pittman

***Members Absent:*** not applicable

**Guest Present:** Mr. David Buddenbaum

**I. Call to order- Beth Allen**

**II. Opening Prayer- Ed Hoy**

**III. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting:**

Ed Hoy made the motion to approve the July 23rd meeting minutes. Rene' Starrett seconded the motion. All members were in favor of approval of the minutes

**IV. Charter Renewal Review:**

Mr. David Buddebaum presented to the group the charter system contract renewal process. He gave a brief overview of what the charter system renewal process is, a timeline for the contract renewal, and the role our school governance team will need to play in the renewal. He gave the team an assignment that we will need to start working on as soon as possible. We will need to address the challenges that Hartwell Elementary is continuing to face with the last charter contract and any new challenges that have developed. We will also need to make suggestions on innovations to overcome these challenges in addition to discussing our academic goals and targets for the next year. Lastly, the team needs to discuss the barriers that we have faced as a local school governance as well as our successes. Rene' stated that she will load these questions onto the Google drive, so that we can all give our feedback.

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**V. Principal's report:**

Dr. Johnson gave a presentation on our school's data for the 2018 Georgia Milestones and discussed our CCRPI score. She discussed how the test was scored, how the CCRPI score is determined, and how each area is weighted. Some areas of focus for all grade levels include reading, vocabulary and comprehension. For math, areas of focus include both numbers and operations as well as measurements and data. She stated that our 5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA scores, Science scores, and Social Studies scores were the highest in the district. Dr. Johnson said she will e-mail a copy of the presentation to the Governance team.

**VI. New Business:**

a. Beth brought up the school conditions with a focus on the bathrooms in the Pre-K and Kindergarten wing being areas of high concern. She stated that Mr. Seagraves did meet with Dr. Johnson, and they did tour the facility for him to see these areas of concern. It was discussed that he is going to see if there was any money in the budget for possible reconstruction of certain areas at this time vs. repairs. This will then go to Mr. Floyd for approval. Beth asked the Governance Team to take the opportunity to look at those restrooms in addition to other areas in the building and send feedback regarding whether or not we need to create a Committee to work towards addressing these issues as we did for the playgrounds.

**VII. Old Business:**

- a. **Playground/ Safety Report:** Dr. Johnson gave an update on the safety report about the installation of the buzzer at the front doors. She stated that Craig Obarr assessed the doors, and he did find that the doors would have to be replaced in order to install a buzzer, change the locks, and put in a camera. Updates to schools regarding safety concerns as well as playground issues are two of the main focus areas for the allocations of SPLOST funds if approved.
- b. **Bi-laws:** Beth Allen and Rene' Starrett had reviewed the bi-laws and discussed possible changes to be made in order to keep everything

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current. Several items were discussed. The changes will be made and reviewed for final approval at the next meeting. Once approved, Rene' will place this document on the google drive.

c. **Google Account:** Several items were discussed being placed in a central location on the google account. A few of the members asked what the log-in was for the account. Rene' stated that she would e-mail it out.

- i. UserName: [hartwellsqt@gmail.com](mailto:hartwellsqt@gmail.com)
- ii. PassWord: HESStars1819

### VIII. Proposed Meeting Schedule:

September 24, 2018 at 5:30pm

October 11, 2018 from 5:30-8pm- System Wide Training- Hart County Ag Facility

November 26, 2018 at 5:30pm

December 17, 2018 at 5:30pm

January 28, 2019 at 5:30pm

February 25, 2019 at 5:30pm

March 18, 2019 at 5:30pm

April 22, 2019 at 5:30pm

May 20, 2019 at 5:30pm

June- no meeting

July 22, 2019 at 5:30pm

These dates are subject to change. It was discussed that the board meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, and we would try to have our meetings after that meeting so that the appropriate information can be communicated in a timely fashion.

### Adjournment-

**\*Next meeting will be September 24, 2018 at 5:30p.m.**

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