

Woodstation Elementary School
Title I Annual Parent Meeting
Minutes

Date: September 14, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. (Drive Through Meet and Greet)

Location: Woodstation Elementary School

Invited: All WES Parents, Guardians, Faculty, Staff and Students

Welcome and Parent Packet Presentation

Due to the pandemic and the need to maintain social distancing, the Title I Annual Parent Meeting was held as a “Drive Through Meet and Greet.” Families were asked to remain in their vehicles. Mr. Ellis (Principal) and Jayne Black (Family Engagement Coordinator) approached parents/guardians in their vehicles, greeted them, and explained that WES is a Title I School and this was our Annual Parent Meeting. A parent packet was handed out that included the Annual Meeting Agenda/Information, Parent Right to Know Letter, copy of the Title I Annual Meeting Presentation (also on the school website) WES Title I budget information, Catoosa County Annual Meeting handout, text message sign up for parents, and a feedback form. Attendees were also encouraged to visit the school website Title I tab to view all documents referenced in the presentation including the WES Parent and Family Engagement Policy, District Parent and Family Engagement Policy, Student Testing in Georgia brochure, Georgia Standards of Excellence information, Components of a Schoolwide Plan handout, and How to Communicate With Your Child’s Teacher brochure. Jayne Black and Mr. Ellis briefly explained what being a Title one school means and that curriculum, budget, and testing information were available in their packet. They also asked if parents had any questions, answered those when applicable, and reminded parents they can call the school or email any time they have suggestions or questions about our Title I program. Contact information was available in the packet and can also be found on the school website.

Annual Parent Meeting Presentation

A copy of the meeting presentation was included in the parent packet and is on the website for the remainder of the school year. The following is a brief summary of the information it contained.

What is a Title I school and what are the requirements?

Woodstation participates in a Title I Schoolwide Program which means WES receives extra funding to help improve the academic environment for all students. Title I programs often provide additional staff, professional development for staff, and parent and family engagement opportunities.

What does WES do with Title I money?

The presentation included a graph that indicated how Woodstation is spending its Title I funds this year. The majority of Title I funds are being spent on salaries for Kandy Carter, Academic Coach, and Jayne Black, Family Engagement Coordinator. Both positions are full time and are funded by Title I funds. A small part of the budget goes toward paying for family engagement workshops and activities, the instructional supplies for these meetings, and professional development opportunities for staff.

What are our school goals?

School goals are driven by Georgia Milestones results. Due to the pandemic and school closure spring 2020, students did not take the Georgia Milestones Assessments. School goals for 2020-2021 are based on SY 2018-2019 milestones results.

- 1. By May 2021 the percentage of students in 4th grade performing at a level 3 or 4 in English Language Arts will increase on the Georgia Milestones Assessment.**
- 2. By May 2021 the percentage of students in 5th grade performing at a level 3 or 4 in ELA will increase on the Georgia Milestones Assessment.**
- 3. By May 2021 the percentage of students in 4th grade performing at a level 3 or 4 in Math will increase on the Georgia Milestones test.**

4. **By May 2021 the percentage of students in 5th grade performing at a level 3 or 4 in Math will increase on the Georgia Milestones Assessment.**

What programs/supports are in place for students?

Some extra programs that Woodstation has to help increase learning are:

- Intervention and enrichment time built into the daily schedule
- Extra learning programs for students including Lexia, Reading Plus, iReady, and DreamBox

State's Grade Report

There is a grade report that parents can access that gives information about the school. The link to access this report is:

<https://schoolgrades.georgia.gov/>

A performance snapshot for Woodstation based on SY 2018-2019 Georgia Milestones Assessments is listed below. This is some of the information in the State's Grade Report:

- Woodstation's overall performance is higher than 60% of schools in the state and is similar to its district.
- Student academic growth is higher than 57% of schools in the state and higher than its district.
- 55% of 3rd grade students scored a level 3 or 4 on ELA for Georgia Milestones.
- 62% of 3rd grade students scored a level 3 or 4 on math for Georgia Milestones.
- 60% of 5th grade students scored a 920 Lexile, ready for 6th grade!

What curriculum does WES use?

All Catoosa County Schools use the state adopted standards called the Georgia Standards of Excellence as their adopted curriculum. There is a brochure available on our school website that contains helpful information about the state's challenging standards for students.

Team Learning Process – The Four Questions

WES is a model PLC school. This means all teachers on each grade level are working together to ensure high levels of learning for every student. These are the four questions teachers are addressing when working with their students:

1. What do we want all students to learn?
 - Georgia Standards of Excellence with focus on essential standards
2. How will we know if they have learned it
 - Data from assessments
3. How will we respond if they don't learn it?
 - Reteach, small groups, individualize
4. How will we extend learning for those who know it?
 - Deepen learning, produce a product based on standard or learning target.

What tests will your child take this year and how do they measure progress?

Students in grades 3-5 will take the Georgia Milestones assessments in the spring. There is information about student testing available on our school website under the Title I tab. Woodstation will provide parents information and tips on how to prepare their child for testing during FAST conferences and group meetings held in the spring. Georgia Milestones Assessments measure student growth and results are reported in one of the following levels:

- Level 1 Beginning Learner
- Level 2 Developing Learner
- Level 3 Proficient Learner
- Level 4 Distinguished Learner

There is a **Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS)** where you can access your child's performance on previous tests. To use this, log into your parent portal account and click on the SLDS link on the bottom left hand side of the page. If you do not have a parent portal account, please call the school office at (706) 935-6700. The sign-up paperwork will be provided to you.

Does my child's teacher meet professional qualifications?

All teachers at Woodstation Elementary School are qualified and meet Title I regulations. There is a *Parents' Right to Know* letter that explains this. It was provided in the Annual Meeting parent packet and can also be found on our school website using the Title I tab. The school is always happy to provide information to parents regarding teacher qualifications.

Ways WES partners with parents:

The goal of the Title I Family Engagement Program is to work with parents as partners in order to achieve higher student success. Some of the ways Woodstation is working with families this year are through Family and School Team (FAST) meetings, Fifth grade and PreK/Kindergarten transition events, Family-School Compacts, PAC meetings, surveys, and PTO. Parents are encouraged to speak with Jayne Black, Family Engagement Coordinator, to learn more about how they can be involved in their child's education. Due to the pandemic, we are sorry that parents will not be able to physically enter the building for volunteer opportunities at this time. When this changes, WES will hold a volunteer training for anyone interested in participating in our volunteer program. To stay up to date on any parent information, please sign up for text messages. Text this number: 81010 and text this message @439108 to sign up.

How do parents lodge complaints?

Mr. Ellis is always willing to discuss parent questions or concerns. He is available to parents every morning as he greets students in the car line, or parents may call the school office at (706) 935-6700 to schedule an appointment. If parents have a Title I concern, they should bring it to Gina Haynes, Catoosa County Title I Director at (706) 965-2297 or by email at: ghaynes@catoosa.k12.ga.us

Will the staff be responsive to questions?

Woodstation encourages feedback from parents. Parents are welcome to request information or meetings at any time. Please speak with Ms. Black, attend meetings, and fill out surveys and evaluation forms if you have input or suggestions. Parents should frequently check the Title I tab and the Parent and Family Engagement tab on the school website for updates and helpful information throughout the year.

Closing

After reading through the Title I Annual Meeting packet, parents were asked complete an evaluation form that was included in their packet. *See Annual Meeting Evaluation Results.*