

LSC
Taylor Road Middle School
Thursday, February 19, 2009
7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Ed Williamson, Barbara Townsend, MaryAnne Koutrelakos, Greg Weigle, Nicole Thompson

Minutes from November 13, 2008 meeting accepted as written.
Committee will meet in Media Center from now on.
Bylaws discussion postponed to another meeting.

BUDGET: Ed spoke about the budget challenges Fulton County is facing for the next school year. At the moment it looks like the county is looking at finding \$21 million and that figure could go up before the end of the year. Some of the items in the budget are under Fulton County control and some are under state control.

Ed stated he felt Superintendent Loe is taking an admirable approach to fixing the deficit. The focus is on the student's educational experience and keeping positions in place. Every attempt will be made to make sure that all full time employees will continue to have a position. If an employee has a full time position at this time, they will have a full time position next year. Part time employees do not have a position at this point. Counselors, ISTs, Graduation Coaches and School Psychologists will have reduced contract days. Other positions may see a reduction of days also.

Ed feels the process of looking at what to cut is a good one. The superintendent is listening to all feed back given by the principals. A list has been made of items that can be cut. One strategy that will be put in place is an increase in class size; 1 student per class in elementary and middle school and 2 students per class in high school. For next year at Taylor Road we are going to take the attitude of what we need rather than what we want.

RELAY FOR LIFE: Taylor Road will be a site for a Relay for Life event in April. Ed showed a video that will be shown to all the students at Taylor Road explaining what the Relay for Life is all about. Our Beta Club is selling luminaries and teams are forming around the school.

OTHER BUSINESS: Ed stated he would welcome requests from committee members for items they would like to see addressed at LSC meetings.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 A.M.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 12th @ 7:30 a.m.
Location: Media Center, Taylor Road Middle School