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“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.” - Aristotle

In the modern era of state testing and constant data collection, the hearts of our students are often overlooked. Teaching any subject matter can at times be frustrating and it can seem as though the work that we are putting into our students is not enough. When test scores don't reflect a certain level of proficiency, we can feel like our lessons, our classes, and even ourselves, are not enough! In spite of this feeling, we continue to show up for our students with the hopes of making a difference in their education and more importantly in their lives.

What I have found is that there is something else that happens in the 50 minutes that we spend together each class period besides curriculum instruction

(although that does take precedence!). Students are constantly building relationships with one another, with us, and learning how to function in a group setting. Even in high school, our students are building foundational social skills that will last them a lifetime. The tone that we set in our room and the expectations that we have for student interactions is paramount.

Even when test scores are not measuring up the way that you (or the state) expects, remember to look around you at the kids that come to you each day trusting that you will provide them the best lesson you can and the safest environment you can! Hold tight to every please and thank you, every yes sir and yes mam, every random act of kindness you see throughout your day! Remember that your students aren't just the sum of

their last test scores but that they are budding citizens who will stand beside us as equals in society one day! Plan and over plan, teach fiercely, but don't forget that a good education doesn't leave out the student's heart.

On another note, we had a beautiful visit from the Tennessee State President, Beverly Hall. There was no February meeting. However, the Legislative Symposium took place on March 3-4. We will reconvene on March the 18th when we will vote on a slate of officers.

Nikki Davis
Interim President
Beta Sigma

Meeting Dates for 2020

March 18th

April 16t

May 21st

Note from your Corresponding Secretary:

If you have any news or information you would like to see included in the newsletter, please let me know!

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January Meeting Minutes
Beta Sigma Chapter
Meeting Minutes
1/16/2020

The meeting was held at Deana Sain's barn.

Members in attendance include:

Nikki Davis
Ruth Baker
Dorrie Powell
Rachel Weir
Deana Sain
Cathy Black
Shelly Butler
Carla Clifft
Betsy Lucas

Special Guest- Tennessee State President- Beverly Hall.

Nikki began the meeting by welcoming Beverly Hall. The group discussed a convention

survey that was sent to Nikki via e-mail. She asked for group information since she had not attended a convention thus far. We were reminded that a Chapter Display would need to be created to display at the convention. The chapter display is usually about the size of display boards used for science experiments in school. Cathy Black offered to help with the creation of the display if someone could provide pictures or items we want to display.

We will also need to decide about an item to send to the silent auction. The chapter can choose to send a contribution of 25.00 or send an item or two to sell at the silent auction. Congratulations to Deana Sain who won a \$5,000 grant through TVA. There was discussion about grant writing and details of her grant since several members were interested.

Officer Nominations will need to be ready at the March meeting. Officer training will be available in March so we need to decide on a slate of officers

on which to vote. Nikki will send out messages to members currently in the positions to see if they would continue in the office they have currently.

The Legislative Symposium will be at the Best Western in Murfreesboro. It is scheduled for March 3rd and 4th. Dorrie, Rachel, and Nikki plan to attend at least part of the event. All members are welcome to attend.

The March meeting will be on March 19th. Hopefully Mr. Doyle, interim superintendent, will be available to speak. If not, members will share information from the legislative symposium.

Betsy Lucas shared the treasurer's report. Pecan sales were good this year. Only 7 bags of halves are left unsold. There is currently over \$7,000 in the Beta Sigma account.

Beverly Hall spoke to the members. She praised the group and the cohesiveness. She said membership is more than just the benefits of scholarships, grant, and

legislation. It is about fellowship with other educators. You will get out of it what you put into it.

A gift was presented to Beverly and a \$25.00 donation will be made to the local Imagination Library in her honor.

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We can be found on the Web!

Check out our chapter webpage at betasigma.org for up-to-date events and information!