

Ford School Council Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2014

1. Call to order and Roll Call-
 - All current members were present-
 - Thomas Cole
 - Jami Frost
 - Annette Craddock
 - Courtney Kelly
 - Libby Mitchell
 - Kelly Burnette
 - Cindy Kennedy

2. Old Business-
 - Class size update based on actual enrollment. We are currently at 700 students and have been adding allotments to allow room for our growth.
 - STEM Lab is now a full time paid position with benefits.

3. School Council Objectives 2014-2015
 - What is our next step? We are proud to recognize that Ford Elementary is a place where we share a passion for learning. Our community around us also shares our passion.
 - What can we be focused on now? At this moment we are sharing a school wide focus on obtaining our STEM certification. It is important that we continue to focus on communication and tying it all together. We will all benefit if the PTA, School Council, Ford Foundation, and the community are all on board.
 - Volunteer participation is also an area that we feel we can work on for this 2014-2015 year.

4. School Strategic Plan Update-
 - After receiving Fords testing results from the 2013-2014 school year, the school made wonderful gains in all areas. In the area of writing the school reached its writing goal in one year instead of three.
 - Cobb County also made some changes to the current form. Ford will have to make changes to our current goals and also update our form to correlate with the new forms.
 - The committee is going to brainstorm ideas of future objectives and email Jami Frost any thoughts by August 19th. These will be reviewed at our next meeting.

5. Election of New Member-

- The School Council will need one new member to be filled by a parent/community member.
- Nominations will be collected and then published.
- Votes will be collected in the office at Ford.
- The new member will be also taking on Secretarial duties of the council.

5. Future meeting dates-

All meetings will be held at Ford Elementary in the Conference Room from 7:30-8:30am

August 28, 2014

October 2, 2014

November 6, 2014

December 4, 2014

January 8, 2015

February 5, 2015

March 5, 2015

April 2, 2015

May 7, 2015

6. Open discussion-

- Committee talked about the survey that was conducted last year. We have a lot of people that are willing to share their strengths and talents with our school.
- At some point we would like to pull together a visual handout that can show the community all of the committees that work together to make Ford successful.

The meeting was adjourned