

## Ford School Council Meeting Agenda, August 6, 2015

### Members in attendance:

Tom Cole – Chairperson / Parent  
Kelly Burnette – Vice Chairperson/Parent  
Cindy Kennedy- Parent  
Jami Frost- Principal  
Courtney Kelly – Teacher  
Libby Mitchell –Teacher  
Chip Brodersen – Community Rep (Publix)

### Observing:

Annette Craddock – Asst. Principal

- 1) Call to order 7:34 am
- 2) Roll call
- 3) Approval of May 6, 2015 meeting minutes – unanimously approved
- 4) Old Business
  - a. Discussed potential to form a Special Needs subcommittee on the school council. Tom will follow-up with Carol Horne and Amy Cobb-Williams to find out if participation on the PTSA special needs committee is consistent with the intent from their presentation to the school council on May 6, 2015.
- 5) New Business
  - a. Update from the Principal.
    - i. Student Learning Objectives (SLO) are being implemented and baseline testing will begin next week. A second assessment will occur in the spring. SLO will be used to assess alignment of curriculum, performance of students and impact of teachers.
    - ii. FES has 725 student enrolled this school year. The largest student population is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade with 6 teachers and an avg of 24 students per class.

- iii. Over the next few months the Cobb Teaching and Learning System (CTLS) is being implemented at FES. CTLS will replace Picasso and will include assessment information and pacing guides in addition to curriculum information.
- iv. The Cobb County School Board approved the FES Investing in Educational Excellence (IE2) contract which allows FES to better align its curriculum with STEM needs.
- v. The school library is being reorganized into a more modular learning commons structure. This transition will take several years and a considerable investment. The Ford Foundation is helping to support this effort.

b. Strategic Plan and School Site Budget

- i. The timelines for the school council to approve the strategic plan are relatively short, normally by Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. Also the format for the strategic plan has been completely revised. Close coordination will be required by the incoming school council to review, provide inputs, and approve the strategic plan.
- ii. The school council is required to review the school site budget. It is important for the school council to understand the operational constraints of the school and should review the school site budget as soon as practical.

c. School Council Transition

- i. Elections are planned for Aug 17-19
- ii. 3 positions will be filled. (1) one-year term and (2) two-year terms. The school council decided that the terms of the 3 positions necessary to stagger terms will be determined by the council after the elections are conducted.
- iii. Jami will send a note to all families announcing the need to fill positions.
- iv. The voting process is to send an email to all families with candidates' names and a six line paragraph about each candidate. A link will be included to Survey Monkey to facilitate electronic voting.

d. Open Discussion:

- i. Next school council meeting is Sep 2, 7:30-8:30am
- ii. Recommendation to conduct last year's survey for incoming kindergarten families.
- iii. Outgoing school council members will make themselves available for any assistance needed to ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities.

1. Adjourn – 8:25 am