

Ford School Council Meeting Agenda, May 6, 2015

Members in attendance:

Tom Cole – Chairman / 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 7:30 am
- 2) Roll call
- 3) Approval of Apr 2, 2015 meeting minutes – unanimously approved
- 4) Old Business
 - a. Joint School Council Meeting: Several members of Ford School Council attended this meeting on Mar 29th. The meeting discussed implementation of the Investing in Educational Excellence (IE2). IE2 includes the ability for schools to adjust curriculum and ask for policy waivers that will enhance how schools achieve learning objectives. Jami indicated that she has a team looking at possible changes to be considered. The school council will stay informed and engaged with the process.
- 5) New Business
 - a. Carol Horne and Amy Cobb-Williams (parents) presented a concept regarding communications with parents, students, and the community regarding special needs students (attached). Jami pointed out that the PTSA has a special needs committee. Carol and Amy are going to coordinate with the PTSA and determine how they can expand on their concept. The school council made special needs communications a special interest

item which will include periodic updates to inform potential policy and quality of life recommendations for FES.

- b. The school council reviewed the school site budget. The FES allocation for FY 2014-2015 was \$136,686 which includes \$94,626 for custodian salaries and custodial supplies. That leaves roughly \$42K for the school year for 706 students or about \$60 per student per year. We discussed the need for broader awareness of fiscal constraints and the necessity of PTSA, Ford Foundation, and volunteer support to help augment the educational experience for FES students and training for faculty.

- c. School Council Transition
 - Elections are planned for the week of Aug 17th
 - 3 positions will be filled. (1) one-year term and (2) two-year terms.
 - Cindy will advise if survey monkey can be used to post a 7 line statement for each candidate regarding their desire to serve on the school council.
 - Current members were reminded that terms run until Aug 30th.

- d. Annual School Council Report. The annual school council report was reviewed and unanimously accepted (attached)

2. Adjourn – 8:30 am

Attachments

1. Special Needs Communications Presentation
2. School Council Annual Report 2014-2015