

May 11, 2016

Ford School Council Minutes

In Attendance:

Jami Frost
Ashley Miller
Sherrill Hayes
Shannon Herndon
Tracy Zoblisein
Annette Craddock
Mary Garrett

New Business:

1. Annual Report for School Council completed and submitted to Cobb County School District.
2. Milestone scores this year won't count toward promotion due to technology glitches throughout the state. Local procedures will be followed for students to repeat a grade level.
 - a. Students who score Level 1 on the Milestones will have retests starting May 17, 2016. The state will supply a list of Level 1 scores this week.
 - i. 3rd grade will retest English/Language Arts.
 - ii. 5th grade will retest Math and English/Language Arts.
 - b. Local procedures include ongoing discussions with parents as well as extra help for students. Students with difficulties are identified early in the year so they can receive extra support for success.
3. There was a discussion about test anxiety that occurs in both students and parents. Suggestions included a parent forum with potential dates at open house to answer questions for parents. Suggestions for students included changing the culture from test anxiety to one of empowerment for the students.
4. Ford will host a summer program for upcoming Kindergarteners. Two teachers have been hired and rising Kindergarteners will have the opportunity to attend one session from 9 am to 12 pm, June 6th-9th. Students will have the opportunity to experience carpool pick up, the special's classrooms and other areas of Ford.
5. The next School Council meeting is Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 7:30 am.
6. Dr. Frost will send out information for School Council elections in August, 2016. Two positions will be up for election as Shannon Herndon's and John Hudson's terms are ending.

Old Business:

1. January and March meeting minutes were approved.