

October 15, 2015
Ford School Council Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 am.

In Attendance:

Jami Frost
Ashley Miller
Mary Garrett
Sherrill Hayes
Shannon Herndon
John Hudson
Tracy Zoblisein

Guest:

LeAnna Anantaraman

1. New business

Cobb Teaching and Learning System and Flexible Formative Assessment System Presentation

LeAnna Anantaraman, Technology Training Integration Specialist with Cobb County School System, joined the meeting to explain the Cobb Teaching and Learning System (CTLS) and Flexible Formative Assessment System (FFAS). Ms. Anantaraman will provide technology training at the school through December, 2015.

One of the goals of CTLS is personalized learning with one stop for curriculum and student data resources. There are 40,000 questions linked to standards and teachers can track students and question responses to refocus small groups and alter instruction. Teachers are able to write their own questions. CTLS is replacing Blackboard at the elementary school level and the information contained in Blackboard will be contained in CTLS. Blackboard will still be used in middle and high schools.

Cobb County School System will be able to use the system for county wide tracking which allows the central office to evaluate strong areas that can be duplicated. This is not a teacher evaluation system and will not take away from project based learning.

Sherrill Hayes asked about the possibilities of security breaches. Students log in with their student ID. Shannon Herndon, who has been trained on CTLS, stated CTLS only contains the students name and ID number. Student address and other personal information are kept in Synergy/ParentVUE.

Sherrill Hayes asked if analytics and questions from previous years will follow students through their education. Ms. Anantaraman stated that teacher questions are saved; however, individual results are not necessarily saved. A function for saving these results is in development. The system does show what standards have been mastered and that information is transferred with students. Individual reports can be generated, printed and transferred in student portfolios as well

Shannon Herndon asked if high level questions were available and they are.

2. Old Business

1. Minutes from September 3, 2015 meeting approved.
2. School strategic plan.
 - a. Approved at September 3, 2015 meeting.
 - b. Dr. Frost submitted to the district.
3. Meeting dates. No changes
4. School Council mission. No changes.
5. Establishment of Ford related fund for Ford families with an immediate family member who is a first responder.
 - a. John Hudson spoke with SunTrust and they can provide a free account and the first donation.
 - b. Dr. Frost will reach out to the district for more information on moving forward.
6. Fall Festival.
 - a. Supported by PTSA.
7. STEM night.
 - a. Great turnout by Ford families.
 - b. Student volunteers were provided by Kennesaw Mountain High School.
8. Other topics.
 - a. Sherrill Hayes asked if there is a list of all the school's community partners. Dr. Frost will follow up.
 - b. Publix math night is approaching. There is new management at the Brookstone Publix and Dr. Frost has called the assistant manager.
 - c. Discussion of the lighting in the parking lot.
 - i. There are dark areas.
 - ii. This is a safety issue for both adults and students.
 - iii. Dr. Frost is investigating reconfiguring the lights.
 - d. Shannon Herndon spoke about creating an online magazine for branding.
 - e. Dr. Frost introduced the new Ford logo. Everyone liked the new logo and there was discussion of using the logo on merchandise for PTSA and the fund for first responders.

Meeting ended at 8:32 am.