

March 25, 2013  
Ford School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:32am.

Roll Call-

In Attendance-

Tom Cole  
Jami Frost  
Courtney Kelly  
Libby Mitchell  
Kelly Burnette  
Cindy Kennedy  
Maxine Chriszt

Not In Attendance-

\*\*\*\*New meeting scheduled for April 22, 2014, at 7:30 in the conference room.

1. Approve prior meeting minutes and old business-

Minutes from Feb 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved. Two actions regarding grant writing and survey are included in today's meeting agenda. Jami reported that she has identified Chris Robertson from Partners in Education to join the school council as a member.

2. STEM integration-

The Georgia State STEM certification visit (12 people) is expected to occur in the fall around the end of the first 9 weeks. The council discussed what actions are needed to ensure a successful visit. Dr. Frost shared that the committees and teachers have a plan in action and have it under control at this time. The concept of providing escorts to the certification team was discussed. The school council agreed that it is important to engage the community and families about STEM.

3. Grant writing committee status (K Burnette)

The intent of forming a grant writing committee is to have a pool of individuals that can be accessed from time-to-time to assist in grant writing. Currently that responsibility rests on two or three individuals at FES trying to secure grants. Kelly has been reaching out to contacts. The rest of the council will also try to identify people to create a pool of people to all contribute part time to all help write grants.

#### 4. Survey content (C Kennedy)

The council is considering developing a survey to be given to all FES families sometime in early May. The purpose of the survey is to obtain actionable information that will be relevant to achieving objectives in the FES strategic and tactical plans.

Cindy is coordinating the school council survey activity with the PTSA and Ford Foundation to find out if there are any areas they would like included as well as to avoid any duplication of purpose. The council discussed how parent participation and volunteer support has noticeably declined in the school and we need to address how to reverse the trend.

There are several surveys given to Ford families. Most are from external organizations either at the state or district level. The PTSA uses a questionnaire at the beginning of the school year to find out what areas parents can potentially provide assistance.

Cindy provided a draft survey to consider. It was acknowledged the several of the questions (7, 11, and 12) are covered by the district level survey and probably do not need to be included.

**Council members were asked to prioritize the questions and make edits to questions as they feel appropriate by the next meeting on Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

#### 5. Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act Implementation

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=FNS-2014-0010-0001> is schedule to be implemented on July 1, 2014. This act establishes nutrition standards for all foods and beverages sold and available at school. This act will affect food provided by parents in classrooms as well as fund raisers such as chicken biscuit sales. The website above provides additional information and an opportunity to make comments.

#### 6. Fund raising and school-wide activity

Fundraising was addressed within the survey conversation.

#### 7. New Business and Open Discussion

New flooring and painting will be completed this summer and teachers have to repack their classrooms during post planning. The council discussed the need to organize parent support in the classrooms during the packing process.

*Adjourn at 8:30am*