

Ford School Council Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2015

1. Call to order at 7:35 am

2. Roll Call-

Members present:

Thomas Cole
Jami Frost
Chip Broderson
Kelly Burnette
Cindy Kennedy
Courtney Kelly

Members absent:

Libby Mitchell
John Hudson

3. Old Business-

- Ford School Council positions and bylaws were reviewed. Most council seats will be open at the end of this year. The school council will take action to ensure a smooth transition. The bylaws were recently updated to allow for electronic voting, which will encourage more participation by the electing body.

- Publix Math Night was a big success. It was well run and had good attendance. Chip and his Publix team were recognized for their support of our school and their involvement in making it a fun night for everyone.

4. Survey Recommendation Updates

- One of the recommendations from the survey results was to offer a workshop for new families to introduce them to Ford, help them navigate the school year, and explain volunteer opportunities. Cindy shared this idea with Katie Stevenson, PTSA President. Katie embraced the idea and planned a "Ford 101 Workshop". There will be participation from the PTSA, Ford Foundation, and Ford Council. The upcoming workshops are February 6th at 10:30-11:30 Sam at Ford, and February 17th at 6:00-7:00 pm at Zaxby's Spirit Night.

- Another recommendation was to work on a comprehensive webpage to organize volunteer opportunities and assist in volunteer sign-ups. This idea is still in the processing stages and is being discussed with PTSA.
- Chip recommended that we enlist the help of the kids to encourage parents to get involved. He suggested a point system that rewards kids when parents volunteer or donate supplies/food/etc.
- Cindy recommended that we offer another “Ford 101 Workshop” targeting next year’s Kindergarten families after they register this Spring. The School Council agrees that the Ford 101 workshop should be used to orient all new families to Ford about how the school operates and opportunities for volunteer involvement.

5. Committee Updates-

- STEM Committee - Students are benefiting from implementing STEM and teachers are attending workshops to enhance learning. The follow-up visit for certification is April 28th. Some parents will be asked to participate in the certification meeting.
- Strategic Communication - The “Ford 101 Workshop” will improve communication with new families. Council discussed the opportunity to “promote” the many ways that Ford benefits the community and that everyone in the community whether they have children attending Ford or not have an interest in quality of education.
- Volunteer Committee – The “Ford 101 Workshop” will help focus new Ford families on various volunteer opportunities.

6. Open Discussion

- Publix Math Night was fun for all and we appreciate Publix for their support of our school!
- The Ford School Council website link needs to be updated with current council members list.

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 am

Minutes submitted by Cindy Kennedy