

Ford School Council Meeting Agenda, August 28, 2014

Members in attendance:

Tom Cole – Chairman / Parent	Dr. Jami Frost – Principal
Kelly Burnette – Vice Chair / Parent	Courtney Kelly – Teacher
John Hudson – Secretary / Parent	Libby Mitchell – Teacher
Cindy Kennedy – Parent	
Chip Broderson – Community Rep (Publix)	

Observing:

Annette Craddock – Asst. Principal

- 7:32 Call to order
- Roll call
- Welcome to the group and install John Hudson as Secretary
- Old Business:
 - Approved Aug 12 meeting minutes
 - Discussion of sending survey to “new parents” (i.e., kindergarten and new parents to Ford for this school year) now or in October after Fall Festival. It was determined that we could identify the new parents. The members agreed to survey the parents prior to the fall festival. Cindy has the lead to administer the survey to new Ford families.
- Discussion and overview of the draft School Strategic Plan (SSP)
 - Dr. Frost covered areas / content that is determined by Cobb County and “targets” which are determined by Ford.
 - Council reviewed SWOT analyses and the need to establish a formal process to support new staff members as Ford has a number of staff that are close to retirement age.
 - Council then reviewed the Tactical (Action) Plan and Professional Learning Tied to Desired Results sections and added several initiatives to be incorporated.
 - Each School Council member will send any additional comments or suggestions to Dr. Frost.

- Dr. Frost will update the SSP and send it out to the School Council members.
- The FES School Council Bylaws require that the school council approve the SSP. School Council members will vote by casting their ballots at Ford in person by Sep 29th
- New Business
 - The School Council will review bylaws at the next meeting (e.g., how the School Council casts votes, how new School Council members are elected, etc.)
 - Objectives implementation planning: three areas were identified and the need to establish sub-committees to lead these three areas:
 - STEM support in certification (Cole, Mitchell, Hudson)
 - Strategic community communication (Kennedy, Kelly)
 - Volunteer participation (Burnette, Broderson)
 - Each group will give updates on progress at each meeting and each group will decide metrics and how to gauge success.
- Open discussion
 - Using Math night as a good venue to educate parents on ways to get involved with volunteering.
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