

November 30, 2016

Ford School Council Minutes

In Attendance:

Jami Frost
Linda Charrette
Meredith Clinton
Mary Garrett
Sherrill Hayes
Shay Kappel
Ashley Miller
Mandy Ruddell
Natalie Rutledge
Tracy Zoblisein

New Business:

1. Budget. The final allocation for fiscal year 2016-2017 is \$146,342.00 for 791 students. This includes the salaries of three custodial staff, summer flex clerical employees, custodial supplies, early intervention programs, gifted, staff development and media materials. PTSA and Ford Foundation supplement staff development and other programs. The book fair provides additional money for media materials.
2. SPLOST V. Voting will take place in 2017 and includes recurrent expenses and updates to several systems at Ford Elementary school (FES) include the video, phone, and audio visual equipment. It also includes a new electronic message board that will replace the current school sign on Mars Hill Road.
3. Joint School Council meeting will take place on February 1, 2017 at 9 am at Cheatham Hill Elementary. John Adams, Deputy Superintendent of Cobb County School District, will speak about SPLOST.
4. Lights. Tracy asked about the outcome from the districts investigation into the lights in the front of FES. Members have expressed concern about the front of the school being dark. Jami will follow up.
5. Ford Foundation. The annual fundraiser raised \$35,000 which will be used for computers in the learning commons, professional learning and STEM support for the classroom. Natalie added that Addison Elementary has a math lab that's added to the rotation and this would be a great additional to FES as well.

6. Buses. Sherrill expressed concern over bus routes having three children to a seat given the recent bus tragedy in Tennessee. It was noted that some buses used to run two loads. Jami will follow up.
7. Meeting dates. Disregard any previously published 2017 meeting dates. The new meeting dates are as follows:
 - a. January 1, 2017: Joint meeting at Cheatham Hill Elementary.
 - b. March 15, 2017
 - c. May 3, 2017

Old Business:

1. September meeting minutes were approved.