

# School Council Meeting

October 1, 2013

Welcome and Introductions

Watched Training Video

Officers Elected-

Chairman-- Tom Cole

Vice Chairman-- Kelly Burnette

Secretary—Courtney Kelly

Future Meetings-

7:30-8:30

Conference Room

\*\*Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

\*\*Feb 25<sup>th</sup>

\*\*March 25<sup>th</sup>

SPLOST Update-

The committee was updated about all of the construction that was done inside the building throughout the summer and also the playground outside of the building.

Future Council Plans-

-The wonderful things going on here at Ford were talked about. The committee is going to become familiar with the SSP (School Strategic Plan) and then seeing how we can bridge the school together including the Foundation, the STEAM Program, PTSA, and all of our other efforts.

-We want to make sure that we are going in the right direction based on the business world advice and also parental advice.

-We need to keep the focus going even after the excitement settles with STEAM and we will need to keep earning funds and support and keep it going.

-We see excitement in the kids and staff towards STEAM and how we really are noticing that this is giving the opportunity to be problem solvers. Other committee members agree that we need to put more in the students' hands to teach them to solve problems.

-We talked about making a video made by kids about STEAM that can be watched by parents and it will keep kids, parents, and community involved. The videos can be linked to social media and to the Ford website. We would like to be able to pull the activities at Ford together and show how we are working together for the future.

-Possibility of creating a survey about the Council. Short and on Survey Monkey may work best.

-School Funding was discussed and we learned that we at Ford do not receive the same funding as other schools based on needs. This may be something that we need to share with others to earn funds as grants run out in order to keep the great things happening here at Ford.

-We would like to pull the PTSA and the Foundation together and as a council show the community how everything works together to benefit Ford.

Committee will-

Read bylaws

Become familiar with the SSP

Keep in touch