

November 4, 2015
Ford School Council Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 am.

In Attendance:

Jami Frost
Annette Craddock
Ashley Miller
Mary Garrett
Sherrill Hayes
Shannon Herndon
Tracy Zoblisein

1. Old Business

1. Minutes from October 15, 2015 meeting approved.
2. Discussion of the parking lot lighting.
 - a. Cobb County School District (CCSD) visited Ford Elementary School (FES) to look at the lights. They are working on a plan.
3. Student handbook.
 - a. The handbook was put together by Shannon Herndon and is now available on the FES website.
 - b. Shannon is working on mobile compatibility which may not be available.
 - c. Shannon stated that free teacher blogs are available through cobblearning.net.
4. Technology update.
 - a. Leanna Anantaraman will continue to serve as the Technology Training Integration Specialist (TTIS) at FES through December, 2015.
 - b. Starting January, 2016, Leanna will provide services at FES three days a week for two weeks, then twice weekly for two weeks. She will then be transferred to Floyd Middle School.
 - c. After Leanna's departure, a new TTIS will start at FES working full days every other week.
5. Establishment of Ford related fund for Ford families with an immediate family member who is a first responder.
 - a. Dr. Frost learned from CCSD that FES can only have one banking account.
 - b. May need to look toward the foundation or set up a second foundation to secure an account for this fund.
6. Math night.
 - a. Schedule for January, 14, 2016 from 6:30 pm to 8 pm at the Brookstone Publix.
 - b. Dr. Frost spoke with the assistant store manager who had the event on the Publix calendar.
 - c. Dr. Frost will follow up after Thanksgiving.

2. New Business

1. December School Council meeting.
 - a. Dr. Frost will present the current year financial allocation.
 - b. Milestone results should be available.
 - c. Leanna Anantaraman will discuss Office 365 parental.

2. BYOD.
 - a. Sherrill stated that the certificate must be downloaded and approved with BYOD devices.
 - b. Often this has to happen multiple times, despite FES upgraded bandwidth and Wi-Fi points.
3. Testing.
 - a. Looking at ways to decrease testing stress.
 - i. A pep rally with songs was suggested.
 - b. Touchstone given 4 times a year.
 - c. Milestone given after Spring Break to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders.
 - i. This replaces the CRCT.
 - d. SLO's given at the end of the year to K-3 and specialty.
4. Donor's Chose
 - a. This is an online service that teachers can use to raise funds for classroom equipment.
 - b. According to CCSD financial services, this is an online fundraiser and all information must go through the CFO and Assistant Superintendent for the district to establish a record.
 - c. At FES, the school bookkeeper starts and facilitates the process for the teacher.
 - d. Dr. Frost will also need to approve the Donor's Chose projects.

Meeting ended at 8:20 am.