

September 3, 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
John Hudson
Tracy Zoblisein

Observing:

Shay Kappel

1. Welcome and Introductions.

2. Review of training video.

All members viewed training video prior to first meeting.

3. Establish length of terms.

Shannon Herndon will serve a one year term as a parent representative.

Tracy Zoblisein and Sherrill Hayes will serve two year terms as parent representatives.

Ashley Miller will serve one year as a Ford Elementary School (FES) representative.

Mary Garrett will serve a two year tear as a FES representative.

4. Select Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

John Hudson will serve as Chairperson. Tracy Zoblisein will serve as Secretary. There was a discussion that the Vice-Chair position be filled by someone holding a two year term so they may serve as Chairperson their second year. Mary Garrett will serve as Vice-Chair.

5. Approve prior meeting minutes.

Minutes from the August 6, 2015 meeting were approved.

6. Review School Strategic Plan.

Jami distributed copies of the 2015-2016 Strategic Plan for FES. This is a district template of goals and each school enters their key actions. Items to note for FES include the following:

Long Range Board Goal 1-Vary learning experiences to increase success in college and career pathways: STEM training is provided for all paraprofessional's and new staff. FES will be in the first group of 20 schools

participating in the Cobb Teaching and Learning System (CTLS) which is a system that provides professional learning, assessments, standards, and a test bank. FES will have on campus support through December 2015. Catherine Padgett will take on a larger role with STEM. Bring your own device (BYOD) for all target students and third, fourth and fifth graders.

Long Range Board Goal 2-Differentiate resources for students based on needs: Science units align with STEM. The third grade class this year is a large group. An additional teacher has been hired and Chris Watts will work with IEP.

Long Range Board Goal 3-Develop stakeholder involvement to promote student success: Sally Creel, STEM and Innovation Supervisor for CCSD, will create a three minute video providing an overview of FES STEM program. Videos over STEM units will also be developed. FES hosts STEM educator days four times a year to help other schools as FES is a model STEM school. These days are limited to 30 educators each and structured to prevent interruptions to FES instructional time. Jami explained the Ford 101 class. Sherrill suggested a town hall meeting.

Long Range Board Goal 4-Recruit, hire, support and retain employees for the highest level of excellence: FES has processes in place to support teachers. FES hired only highly qualified teachers. Two teachers are going through science endorsement, four through gifted endorsement and a third grade teacher with special education has been hired.

Key Trend Data: Fifth grade Lexile Level differences are due to different kids taking the test. On-Track for Graduation is determined by the percentage of kids with failing grades in one or more of the four content areas. Career Ready shows the percentage of kids who completed the fifth grade career portfolio. Advance Academics shows the percentage of children in Target. FES CCRPI score has increased each year. Sherrill asked if it was possible to breakdown FES scores to show students who have completed previous years at FES and new students. FES has 23 school of choice students and a large influx of out of state new students.

John moved to approve the FES School Strategic Plan. Ashley Miller seconded.

7. Old Business

Carol Horne and Amy Cobb-Williams have started the Exception Children's Committee working with PTSA, and a speaker is scheduled for this fall.

8. Establish next meeting dates

The proposed meeting dates for the 2015-2016 school year are October 15th (meeting in room 401), November 4th, December 2, January 6th, February 3rd, March 2nd and May 11th. No meeting is scheduled for April due to Spring Break and Milestone testing.

9. Open Agenda

John suggested creating a Ford Hero's Fund to provide support to active military, police and fire service families that attend FES with the possibility of providing future scholarships for those children as well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 am.