

Forbes Elementary School Community Council
Meeting minutes
Thursday September 17, 2015

Conducting - Jennye Harding

Introduced newly voted in members - Re-elected Andrea Ferrell and newly elected Christy Johnson ... Welcome!

Review of committee rules - approx. half the board needs to be voted on each year.
Must have two more parents than teachers/staff.
Addressed the desire to have a lower grade teacher as well as our wonderful upper grade teacher Cathy Michaels

Administrative update - Kim Jones

Informed us of the Governor's report card that just came out that gave Forbes an A!! This is not the only thing parents should look at but definitely shows out growth at Forbes. Was mentioned by Jennifer Thomas (DCC District rep) that Forbes has the highest growth in the district right now.

Action items -

Voted on our board...
Chair was elected as Jennye Harding, DeLayna Beck motioned, DeLinda Abbott seconded and all were in favor.
Co-Chair to be Cathy Michaels (if she agrees), Andrea Ferrel motioned, Delayna seconded, all were in favor.
Secretary to be Stacie Carter, Jennye Harding motioned, Christy Johnson seconded, all were in favor.

Determined meeting schedule as follows...

October - Wednesday 21st at 4:00pm
November - Thursday 19th at 4:00pm
December - No meeting
January - Tuesday 19th at 4:00pm
February - Tuesday 23rd at 4:00pm
March - Tuesday 8th and Tuesday the 22nd at 4:00pm
April - Tuesday 12th at 4:00pm

Rules of Order and Procedure-

Handouts given to retain info. Jennye will email all the link for the Trust-lands Powerpoint/DVD

New business and items to discuss..

New components of SCC - Digital citizenship

Miss Jones covered the schools teaching on online safety, and the need to make sure it's addressed at school. Making students aware of anything that makes them uncomfortable taking to an adult. The info is also on the Forbes website. Forbes is also a big supported of the Anti-Porn, anti-cyber bullying, and other meetings that go on in the community. Students are never unsupervised in the computer lab or when computers are in classrooms. Link

(<http://www.schoollandtrust.org/home/parents-and-councils/digital-citizenship/>) shared, trust-lands in providing more info for parents and some at no cost.

Allocation of carryover money...

Looking like 17% more money coming than expected. Miss Jones would like that allocated to Target Time. This would allow every grade to have someone that assists and stays outside their allotted pay schedule to be paid for from SCC. Will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting

Also discussed DIBLES, this will be happening soon, and how this can help with small group time and target time. Discussed what DIBLES is... basic testing (about 1 min) to determine where the child (Kindergarten - 3rd right now) places in reading and comprehension. Has additional markers to help determine in the have indicators that let Principal, Teachers and Parents know if they could potentially struggle with area and giving them the ability to adjust early to correct the course. Amplify software will allow the data to be easily looked at and letters created for parents.

Small group time double dousing funds are focused on 1st grade this year with extra aides going in and under teacher supervision assisting those kids in most need on a one on one basis

Concerns and other items...

Discussed Eagle Project participants always looking for opportunities if anything comes up

Complete Restorations contacted School and PTA about volunteering... they'll read with kids. Help at Walk-a-thon, Judge reflections, etc. They would like to help with any grant writing that may need to be done so keep your eyes out for any grants we might need at Forbes.

The lower grade doors crosswalk safety issue. This is an issue that has been addressed in SCC for several years now and we are working on the best options to keep kids safe during pickup and drop off. Have several issues with failure to follow crosswalk rules, Children being dropped off and picked up in the pull through lane (not along the curb) and dating through traffic. Options mentioned to potentially assist with this were..

- 1- Having student council help with signs informing parents and students of crosswalk safety and proper pickup and drop off procedures
- 2 - Locking far west lower grade doors at pick up time to force students to go out crosswalk accessible doors
- 3 - Moving fire hydrant and median for smoother traffic flow like AF Jr Highs
- 4 - Adding another crosswalk at Far west lower grade doors.

Meeting adjourned - Motioned by Stacie Carter, seconded by DeLayna Beck