

School Council September 30, 2014 7:30am Data Room NFE

Members Present: Mrs. Bolton, Ms. Myers, Ms. Arnsdorf, Ms. McMullen, Ms. Belcher, Ms. Benzor.

Meeting called to order at 7:39am.

Thanks to new members of our School Council. We appreciate your service and willingness to serve. Exiting members are Ms. Torres and Ms. Daniels. Members not present: Mr. Maddox (community/business representative), Ms. Byrd (staff member).

Agenda approved.

Members can email Mrs. Bolton to add items to agenda. Focus for today will be to elect new officers and review purpose of school council. Meeting minutes are posted on school website. Meetings usually last about one hour. Guest speakers are invited per requests of school council members.

Minutes read and approved.

Review of Purpose: This group serves as a sounding board for NF. All schools must have a council that serves in the interest of the school. Council is representative of parents and faculty. Purpose is to maintain school wide perspective on issues, participate in trainings and programs, act as link between school council and community, work to improve student achievement, encourage and provide information to other parents.

At School Council meetings, we review title I at information, planning and budget items as necessary, update council on all aspects of North Fayette and Fayette County Schools. Representative of school council would sit on principal hiring board if vacancy became available.

Election of Officers: Ms. McMullen nominated and elected as chair. Ms. Bolton will be chair in absence of chair. Ms. Myers nominated and elected as secretary.

Meeting Dates: Recommendations for meetings this year: mornings work well for all people, last Monday/Tuesday of months indicated.

2014-15 meeting dates: Nov. 17 (3rd week rather than last week of month due Thanksgiving holiday), January 26, March 31, May 26 (Stakeholder's Meeting).

Old Business

Title I Information

- Fall ARM starts Oct. 9, 2014. Thursdays only for fall session. Targeted grades are 3, 4, 5.
- Success Team Meetings This is an opportunity for parents to examine data relevant to their child's progress in each grade level.
- Oct. 25, 2014 10:00-12:00 Parent Workshop at FRMS. Joint workshop with Burch ES, FRMS, and NFE. Topic: Georgia Milestones Testing: Information about the new test and expectations for students. A second session will be held that morning for Burch and NFE parents about the importance of writing connected to this assessment.
- New Family Meetings: families new to North Fayette will be invited to attend meetings every six weeks or so. This will provide opportunities for new families to meet other NF families, learn about our school, check out Parent Center activity, ask questions that will improve their child's academic performance.

New screening in Fayette County for students. This screening helps identify students that need additional help as well as additional enrichment.

Summer Renovations at NFE: new HVAC system, new website. Targeted to get new gym next year. Back parking lot will be where new gym is build. New parking lot will be put on side once old gym is demolished. Goal is to be in new gym when school starts in fall 2015.

New Business

NFE Profile and Status

- Current status: 581 students. 4 classes/grade level except for 5 in third and kindergarten.
 - 18-20 students/kindergarten class
 - 19-20 students/first grade class
 - 20-23 students/second grade class
 - 22-24 students/fourth grade class
 - 25-27 students/fifth grade class
- We have several new teachers this year. All new teachers are experienced teachers and highly qualified.
- Our new nurse is Ms. Perry.

TKES: New evaluation system for teachers is being implemented this year by state law.

Georgia Milestones Testing

Testing will include writing components at every grade level, even in the content area of math. Test will have norm-referenced and criterion-referenced items in every grade level (grades 3-12). Students will be compared to other students nationally as well as within the state.

There may be a crossover of standards where a test question is tied to multiple content areas.

Writing will be expected at every grade level where students will need to compare/contrast between passages, construct responses linking passages, and cite evidence to support conclusions.

Multiple depth of knowledge levels are expected:

- 1 recall and reproduce information
- 2 summarize to discuss main ideas, supporting details
- 3 conceptualized understanding as students compare/contrast ideas from multiple passages
- 4 extended thinking multi-paragraph that demonstrates synthesis and analysis of complex ideas

Teachers are teaching standards to prepare students. Assignments mirror depth of knowledge, incorporate extended response questions, and routinely practice short constructed-response items.

For further information, please click on the "Milestones Information" link under the Parent Information Section on the NFE website.

Questions: With new eval of teachers and new test coming, will there be leeway for teachers?

Yes, we have one year to figure out changes and how that will affect students and teaching of standards. This year is a benchmark performance year for students and performance declines are expected. However, this will give us great information for future planning.

Requested speakers/guests: no specific requests

Proposed speaker: Kris Floyd to discuss CCRPI and moving towards student growth model so parents can see if their child is continuing to grow in academic achievement.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Next meeting is Nov. 17, 7:30 am, NFE Data Room.