

Flat Rock Middle School
School Council Meeting
11/28/17

In attendance:

- Jade Bolton - Principal
- Robert Hunter – Sandy Creek High School – Guest Speaker

- Sarah Lasiter - Teacher
- Ashley Hare - Teacher
- Melissa Lohr - parent
- Erika Eichner-Baumann - parent
- Chris Baumann - Parent
- Sherry McMullen - Parent
- Sandra Forero – School Secretary

Meeting was called to order by Ms. Lohr at 7:36 A.M.

- Approval of agenda – All approved
- 9/26 minutes to be approved – All approved

Mrs. Bolton - Introductions of Guest Speaker: Robert Hunter, Principal of SCHS

- FR and SCHS have a good working relationship and work together to create a smooth transition from MS to HS for students
- Common Goals:
 - Math: Align Students to enter into STEM programs which can allow gifted and accelerated math students to have proper foundations to qualify in HS.
 - Literacy: Both have similar programs such as Think CERCA, Edgenuity, PBIS, cell phone rules

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A Planned Community meeting will take place at Keller Williams (PTC) to discuss school data, Sandy Creek happenings and on Jenkins Road, and to dispel myths and rumors about the quality of education they can get on Jenkins road. Mrs. Bolton has also been invited to the meeting. Mrs. Bolton added that a topic that will be addressed is the perception of the schools on Jenkins road due to demographics, not enough housing, social-economics, and the fact that they are Title I schools. These facts do not indicate that they are low performing or unsafe schools; however, it does bring different challenges that are addressed in each school but the students rise to the expectations.

- CCRPI scores went down this year as anticipated. The scores last year went up 20% due to previous years' scores not reflecting what SCHS students could do, due to many distractions, cell phones, and not putting academics first.

- 2 years ago 120 students were enrolled in AP, now there are 230.
- New: Pre A/P English / LA classes for all 9th grade students – School improvement goal is to focus on literacy.
- Acquired the services of the Southern Regional Education Board (SERB www.serb.org), High Schools That Work (HSTW) - They will train teachers in standards based classroom practices and co-teaching. SCHS has a large population of special education students.
- 8 Teachers went to the SERB National Conference. Some of the things that SERB advocates is:
 1. Not letting students fail by making them repeat tests until they show mastery.
 2. Provide students extra help
 3. They have Professional Learning Communities for Administrators, ESOL, etc.
 4. Teachers model standard based classrooms
- Throughout the year they also offer other sessions some are specific to Algebra I and how to effectively teach it.
- SERB has done a baseline and school climate teacher survey as well as that of seniors. Follow up surveys will also be performed.
- 2 days of professional learning will be held in January with HSTW
- This is Mr. Hunter's 3rd year at SCHS – Teachers are now in place that work hard and are committed and there are fewer turnovers.
- Higher Math department is strong. The challenges are at the Algebra I level.
- Middle School's
- SCHS is trying to partner up with the film industry to offer an elective track
- Mrs. Bolton stated that FRMS is also trying to prepare students at the MS level with the assistance of Mr. Buck and his connections with Pinewood Studios to create an interested in the film industry, computer science and career tech world as well as other interests related to it.
- Computer Science is coming back as a desirable career field.
- SCHS is the only school in the county that offers ROTC and students from other Fayette County schools can request special permission to attend SCHS to be part of the program.
- SCHS also has a special program with students with disabilities called Bridges and they have one of the largest self-contained programs in the county.
- Council members agree that the school culture in FRMS and SCHS is very good. Students are fundamentally good kids; kind, well behaved, very respectful in the school as well as during field trips. The schools also enjoy great support from parents.

Old Business: Ribbon Cutting on December 13, 2017 @2:00 p.m. Invitations will be emailed.
 Connected Classroom and 1:1 Initiative at FRMS - Parents will need to attend one of 3 planned meetings to sign a contract before the device is given to the student.
 Deployment date will be January 30th.

New Business:

- Computer Science Week 12/4 – 12/9 – Mr. Carby (STEM team coordinator) will coordinate activities; Hour of Code, Computer Science Student Job Fair.

- Mrs. Erika Eichner-Baumann – Superintendent’s Advisory Council Report – No report at this time, meeting is next week.

- Mrs. Bolton – Sandy Creek HS Feeder Pattern Data Presentation
Complete report can be found on the FCBOE.org website / Meetings / October 30, 2017 / Presentations
 - CCRPI Scores went up 10 points
 - Algebra – Students scored 90% at the distinguished / 10% proficient level
 - New this year: HS Physical Science (8th grade) 22% distinguished / 56% proficient level (high above state average)
 - SRI Goal is to increase levels to level 2 and above by 5% from 82 to 87
 - **Reading initiative:** Millionaire’s Club (6th, 7th, 8th)
 - Extended day – Thursdays is literacy day
 - STEAM Club
 - Reading clubs for boys and one for girls
 - Sheltered English Classes – for ESOL
 - Reading Instructional Focus in every grade level (Reading Plus - technology based)
 - Targeted Literacy Instruction – RTI – Read 180 (Remedial program)
 - Think CERCA – Literacy program implemented in all content. Students are reading and writing in Social Studies, Science and Math.
 - Technology based supplemental programs: USA Test Prep, IXL, Mobymax and Edgenuity, Summer Bridge Literacy Program

 - **Math Initiatives** to score level 3 and above (math is highest performing content based on data)
 - Remedial math – 2 math support classes this year
 - Dreambox (higher kids)
 - Math Literacy Instructional Focus
 - Extended Day for Math (Tuesdays)

- Attendance and Tardy Focus – Implemented new processes to improve this
- Discipline – most common infractions;
 - 1st- physical aggression (not fighting)
 - 2nd – disrespect
 - 3rd – skipping class
 - 4th – electronic devices
- School Climate: We maintained a 5 star climate rate
 - PBIS Initiative – Weekly
 - Featured student of the week / Teacher of the Month

- Week at a Glance
- Parent Power
- Created a school climate committee
- Programs in the building: Hispanic Heritage Program, Black History Program, PBIS Character development assemblies
- PTTM nights
- Parent Liaison
- Parent Center
- Positive School Culture:
 - Woodruff Alliance Collaborative lessons (English / Social Studies)
 - Early Morning enrichment
 - Professional learning focus
 - Parent Resources: Tech Nights, Parent meetings
 - Strategic Scheduling for all our students
 - SOAR program - transition from 5th to 6th
 - Integrated STEM 6th – 8th
 - Broadcast
 - Computer Science
 - Expansion of STEM and CTE
 - Connected Classroom
 - Fun Friday

- Recent Successes:
 - State and/or Nationally Recognized programs
 - R U OK
 - Robotics
 - Art Program
 - Students on Superintendent’s Advisory Board
 - FBLA Charter – First in the County

 - Competitive Athletic Program
 - Mrs. Douthard – RTI Added to staff
 - Growth of STEM / Integration of business partners

Adjournment – Mrs. Melissa Lohr – 9:02 am