Flat Rock Middle School
School Council Meeting
9/26/17

In attendance:

- Jade Bolton - Principal
- Leonard Presberg – FCBOE Board Member – Guest Speaker
- Sarah Lasiter - Teacher
- Ashley Hare - Teacher
- Melissa Lohr - parent
- Erika Eichner-Baumann - parent
- Chris Baumann - Parent
- Sherry McMullen - Parent
- John Phillips – Parent
- Sandra Forero – School Secretary

Meeting was called to order by Ms. Lohr at 7:41 A.M.

- Approval of agenda – All approved
- No previous minutes to be approved – First meeting today

Mrs. Bolton - Introductions of 2017-2018 Council Members:

- Jade Bolton - Principal
- Sarah Lasiter – Teacher p- New Member
- Ashley Hare - Teacher
- Melissa Lohr – parent - Chair
- Erika Baumann - parent – New Member
- Chris Baumann – Parent – New Member
- Sherry McMullen – Parent – New Member
- John Phillips – Parent

Leonard Presberg – FCBOE Board Member – Guest Speaker

Topic – ESPLOST Renewal Initiative

- ESPPOST is a renewal of the Education Sales Tax (3rd year in our county)
- Funds capital projects (156 counties have ESPLOST)
- Building Improvements
- Technology - Example: 1 to 1 project – giving every student a Chromebook (FCHS)
- New A/C in buses
- Textbooks
- November voting (November 6) – Early voting October 16 to November 3rd
• Project list is long – More than ESPLOST will collect – projects will be prioritized. Signs have been posted outside of schools that have or are receiving projects from these funds.
• Sales tax has increased due to the movie studios
• Fact sheet on ESPLOST is on FCBOE website – public / parents / employees should be informed.

New Business:

• Mrs. Bolton – Review of expectations and By-Laws of School Council
  Copy of Summary of School Council rules passed out.
  No new updates since 2007
  Anyone can attend meetings
  Anyone in the county can be requested to be a guest if desired
  More information is available on Georgiaeducation.org – gsci.org

• Mrs. Erika Eichner-Baumann – Superintendent’s Advisory Council Report
  Fayette County is the 20th largest school district in GA
  We have the largest transportation service in the state; because our schools are so spread out
  We have the largest food service program; we feed the most kids in GA because we give 2 meals (breakfast & lunch)
  5Mill rate contribution is spread out across the state; Fayette County is in the top 5% socioeconomically in the state
  Concerns of aging community and lower property tax
  Flat Rock update: R U OK Campaign, Physical changes since new administration, Moral of the school, and test scores; they are not a measure of the value of the school.

• Consensus: Meeting dates and time; Guest preferences – Last Tuesday of the month
  Tuesday, November 28, 2017 – 7:30 am
  Tuesday, January 30, 2018 – 7:30 am
  Tuesday, March 27, 2018 – 7:30 am

• Mrs. Bolton - School Start Updates & News
  Great start to the school year
  Started: R U OK Campaign – Student led
  Emphasis on character and development through PBIS – Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe
PBIS Rewards point system – get rewards in The Nest store or teacher store
Creation of a School Climate Committee
  Organized: Hispanic Heritage program
  Black History Program
  Character assemblies, one each semester
January: Starting the Connected classroom 1 to 1 program (a Chromebook for each student)
Escape Room project for the spring
Accolades:
  Morehouse Math Competition
  R U OK Campaign was recognized by the state in “The Digest”
  Dress for Success Wednesday – Business Education and Computer Science Students.
  4 FR Students were selected in the State Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council

Adjournment – Mrs. Melissa Lohr – 9:12 am