FMMS School Improvement Committee Meeting MINUTES

Meeting date | time *9/11/2018 4:00 PM* | Meeting location *FMMS's Media Center*

Type of meeting	Meeting
Facilitator	Celia McCarter
Note taker	Jennifer Bowman

Attendees:

Maurice Murphy, Cori Johnson, Jennifer Wilson, Bonnie Hisman, Celia McCarter, Jennifer Bowman

AGENDA TOPIC

This is the first SIC meeting for the 2018-2019 School Year. The following are details from the meeting.

Celia McCarter welcomed everyone to the first meeting. Mr. Murphy acknowledged many members were not able to attend today due to schedule changes necessitated by Hurricane Florence. Mr. Murphy specifically welcomed Jennifer Wilson, the new Assistant Principal, to the school and her first SIC meeting on her very first day at FMMS. Celia McCarter invited each member to introduce themselves and their role on the committee.

Celia McCarter asked the SIC members to read the May minutes. Corey Johnson motioned to pass them as written; Jennifer Bowman seconded the motion. After a vote was taken, the May 2018 minutes were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS

Celia McCarter nominated Jennifer Bowman as Chair of the 2018-2019 SIC, and Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. The vote resulted in Jennifer Bowman unanimously approved. Celia McCarter will confirm a quorum was present and confirm the election. Election of Vice Chair and Secretary will be delayed to the October meeting. UPDATE: The definition of quorum is not clear in the State SIC handbook. Mrs. McCarter reached to the members of SIC as of the September meeting for voting. The result is approval of Jennifer Bowman as the Chair.

Jennifer Bowman provided an overview of SIC.

- For nearly 40 years School Improvement Councils have been, by South Carolina law, directly involved in the school improvement planning process and helping to carry out and evaluate the outcomes of such plans. The SIC is an advisory council intended to advise the principal and school, and is focused on helping to achieve school improvement. The intent is to be a broad-based group including parents, teachers, administration, students and community member representatives.
- SIC duties focus primarily on the school improvement process. SICs:

  - State law requires that every public K-12 school in SC prepare a 5-year School Improvement Plan that sets goals for improvements. Our role is to provide input and feedback during the development of the school's five-year improvement/renewal plan and annual updates;
  - assist in implementation of school improvement programs and activities;
  - monitor and report on progress toward improvement goals in the annual *SIC Report to the Parents* and with the principal in the narrative to the *SC School Report Card*;
  - provide other assistance as requested by the principal.

- SIC is not a fundraising organization; it functions as an advisory council only.

A review of the current SIC membership roster was performed, and gaps were identified by the committee. Mr. Murphy will help the council to identify and appoint members to the following posts:

- Two 6th grade parents
- One 7th grade parent
- Student Council Member, possible add to the committee
- Additional teacher representative, possible add to the committee

Mr. Murphy provided a principal update and highlighted the following events at FMMS over the next several weeks. He also indicated the school year is off to a great start and has opened very smoothly. He acknowledged the efforts of teachers and staff to make it a great start for students and parents.

- Welcome to Jennifer Wilson, new Assistant Principal.
- Welcome to Kara Kieva, a new 7th grade ELA teacher. She comes with a wealth of experience and education. Mr. Murphy thanked Treva Hammond for teaching in the interim before Ms. Kieva was hired, well above and beyond commitment to our students.
- One School One Book has launched, The Refugee by Alan Gratz, and the students are a little over half way through the book.
- The first school Spirit Day will be September 12th and all affiliated with FMMS may wear blue and yellow clothes. Both students and teachers are invited to participate. Mr. Murphy commented on the importance of building school spirit.
- On September 26th a Pep Rally for Fall sports is planned.
- Clubs will launch the week of September 26th.
- PLCs (Professional Leadership Committees) will start on September 13th.
- 8th graders will take the PSAT on October 10th.

Mr. Murphy closed with key priorities for the administration, teachers and staff:

- First Focus: Relationships and creating a positive school culture
- Focus: Partnership with parents and the community
- Focus: Decision Making will always be made in the best interest of the student

The committee agreed to keep the next meeting on the next assigned date, October 9th at 4pm in the Media Center. A future topic recommendation is the changes with GT structure for Social Studies and Science.

Important Dates to remember:

- October 1st – High School Attendance Line Public Meeting - High School Redistricting Options Presented – Nation Ford auditorium 7:00pm
- October 9th - School Board Meeting 6:00pm
- October 16th – School Board Candidate Forum - Fort Mill High School auditorium 7:00pm
- October 19th – Student and Staff Holiday
- October 22nd – Teacher Workday
- November 6th – Election Day including School Board, Student and Staff Holiday, School Board Meeting 6:00pm – expected decision on HS redistricting
- November 21st-23rd - Student and Staff Holiday (Thanksgiving)
- December 21st-Jan 3rd – Student and Staff Holiday
- January 4th – Teacher Workday

The meeting concluded at 5:00pm.