



Riverview Elementary School

1300 Spratt Street, Fort Mill, SC 29715

School Improvement Council March 15, 2023 Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

- February 15, 2023 minutes

Old Business

- School Improvement Plan information - Questions/Concerns

New Business

- Professional Learning Communities presentation - Dr. Waiksnis
- Questions/Concerns

Adjournment

Lisa H. Lucas
Assistant Principal

Darleen Romenick
Principal

Scott Sinclair
Assistant Principal

School Improvement Council
March 15, 2023
Minutes

Members Present:

Darleen Romenick - Principal

Lisa Lucas - Asst. Principal

Scott Sinclair - Asst. Principal

Emily Gaither - Lead Teacher

Beth Griffith - 2nd grade teacher

Natalya Segarra - Math Interventionist/Coach

Kelly Van Daley - Guid. Counselor

Becky Maizy - parent

Chad Stevens - parent

Hazel Frick - Comm. Member

Mandy DeMeio - Literacy Coach

Joel Key - parent

Nicole Zorn - PTO Vice-President

Members Absent:

Dell Lewis - parent/SIC Chair

James Warren - parent

Sakita Pendergrass - parent

Invited Guest:

Dr. Michael Waiksnis - Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Accountability
Elizabeth Durham - Guidance Intern

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Romenick. Guests were introduced and welcomed to the meeting. Minutes from the February 15, 2023 meeting were sent to members prior to the meeting for their review. Mrs. Romenick asked if there were any additions or corrections needing to be made. No one had any additions or corrections, the minutes were approved.

Old Business - There were no issues, questions or concerns about any of the old business.

New Business

- **Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) - Dr. Michael Waiksnis**

Mrs. Romenick reminded the committee that during the last two meetings Ms. Renee Beck facilitated sessions about our School Report Card and School Improvement Plan. Our last goal for the year was to learn more about PLC's. Today Dr. Waiksnis will share FMSD's vision and implementation plan for PLC's and the district and school level.

Presentation Information - Dr. Waiksnis

- PLC's are part of the School District's Strategic Plan. The main goal is the development of PLC teams as well as the implementing the process.
- There are 2 National Model PLC schools in FMSD. They are Springfield Elementary and Springfield Middle School.
- Every school in the district is in the process of developing and implementing PLCs. All the schools are at different places in the process. This is because PLC are always evolving and changing based on the needs of the school.
- What is a PLC?
 - Collective inquiry - teachers acting as learners themselves.
 - Focus is student learning outcomes.
 - It is a yearlong process
 - PLC teams usually meet on a weekly basis to look at student data.
 - There are 4 Focus Questions

- What is it we want students to learn?
 - How do we know if the students learned it?
 - What will we do if they don't learn it?
 - What do we do if they already know it?
- Collective responsibility - all students are every teacher's responsibility. Mrs. Romenick shared that we are working on shifting our thinking from my students to our students.
- Mrs. Romenick shared that we are already doing a lot of the different things associated with a PLC. We just need to make it more cohesive.
- Questions about PLC's?
 - B. Maizy - teachers are already stretched thin. Does this add to it? Dr. Waiksnis and Mrs. Romenick shared that this actually takes things off of teachers as it is more of a team approach.
- Mrs. Romenick asked Mrs. DeMeio to share the coaching huddle that has been implemented in 4th grade. Mrs. DeMeio shared:
 - How the writing huddle got started
 - The process they are using.
 - How teachers' thinking has shifted to doing what is needed to meet the learning styles/needs of their students.
 - Interventionists and Resource Teachers are now part of the 4th grade team's writing huddle so they can better serve their students.
 - After the writing lesson, the teachers huddle again to reflect on the lesson.
- Mrs. Romenick thanked Dr. Waiksnis for helping us to better understand PLCs.
 - **Next meeting** - Mrs. Romenick asked if she could send out a possible date after checking the calendar. We have Spring Break in April and STAR testing and May is full of events and State testing. The committee agreed this would be fine.

Adjournment:

- Mrs. Romenick thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.