

TRMS—Governance Council Meeting

In Person Meeting/December 9, 2022/745am

Minutes:

Members present: Linda Bryant-Butler, Cathy Burwell, Heidi Russell, Kelly Parker, Emily Lavretta, and Steve Akinboro

Action Items:

A motion was made to call the meeting to order by Heidi Russell.

Emily Lavretta moved to approve the agenda for today's meeting and Cathy Burwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda Bryant-Butler moved to approve the minutes from the November 2022 meeting and Cathy Burwell seconded.

Informational Item: Superintendent's update

Emily Lavretta last met with the superintendent on November 17.

Items discussed at that meeting include:

*The Annual perception survey—to parents and staff—only 15% response was received during the past year. Possible reasons for this include its length of at least 15 minutes to complete it. It looks like many people started it but did not complete it.

For next time, it needs to be shorter, have some open-ended responses, and contain sections that are skippable. Also, it should be shared on the front end how the information will be used. This year it will be out in February.

*Considering new start times—30 min early for some elementary schools so that buses can get started earlier and have more time to get to the MS and HS.

*72% of bus driver positions are filled.

*There is a focus on closing the racial disparity gap in TAG program. This year is the first time that TAG is in all schools. The committee continues to work toward this goal.

*There is still a sub and para shortage. To solve, FCS is considering both hiring recruiters and allowing more job sharing.

*2023-2024 School Calendar is approved.

*There is a 2% raise for teachers and a step increase. Plus, Dr. Looney said that he is trying to provide more benefits for teachers, but no specifics were given.

*We continue to close pre-pandemic gaps

Discussion Item: SGC Funds/presentation of fund requests

(Note that teachers in each grade level and group were informed about the SGC funds available and invited to put in a proposal. The following are the proposals that have been received so far.)

The committee voted to approve the following:

\$200 to the Chess Club for boards and prizes, requested by Maria Andres.

\$291 to sixth grade reading classes for one class set of Where the Red Fern Grows, requested by Klio Henderson.

\$1,093 to PBIS Committee to purchase treasure chests and items for classroom teachers to use for rewarding students, requested by Klio Henderson.

\$3,000 to purchase hubs for all staff laptops, requested by Leslie Baker.

Also, the money for bathroom renovations needs to be moved from the safety fund. This freed up \$11,000 to be used toward a doorbell project, requested by Kelly Parker. This request was approved as well.

Informational Item: Principal's update

FCS has decided to move up issuing contracts to January so that principals can start offering jobs in February of this school year.

In terms of the swatting, room numbers for rooms on the inside of the building are needed.

Soon, each teacher and staff will receive a lanyard with safety card that you click. It is geo-fenced; three clicks alert front office; continual clicks alert Crisis Go, the area superintendent, and the district.

Math changes in curriculum are coming. FCS is pushing back textbook adoption until January 2024; but the new curriculum begins in fall of 2023. Teachers will use current books until January 2024 while transitioning to the new curriculum, and this is totally doable. Teachers will be teaching several ways to figure out a math problem that includes both "old" and "new" ways.

Informational item: Next meeting agenda

This will be a TEAMS meeting on Friday, January 13, at 745am.

We will reassess where we are with SGC funds and whether any more funds are available for the year.

We will do a superintendent's update and a principal's update.

We will open the floor for discussion items.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Bryant-Butler and Ms. Burwell seconded the motion.