



Virtual School Improvement Council Meeting

Agenda

Thursday November 13, 2025

1:00 pm

Time zone: America/New_York

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/owk-xzrx-nfi>

Or dial:

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/owk-xzrx-nfi?pin=3727777561565>

- 1. Reading of the minutes from last month's meeting.**
- 2. Principal's Report**
 - a. School Report Card
- 3. Old Business**
 - a. Home-School Compact
 - b. Please read our weekly newsletter
- 4. New Business**
 - a. Parent Involvement – Open discussion: “As a parent/guardian/family member of a child at FES, what activities, workshops, etc., or anything in the way of family engagement would you like to participate in?”
 - b. “What interests you as a parent that would inspire engagement at your child’s school and in his or her education?”
- 5. Upcoming events:**
 - Honor Roll/Leadership Award trip to CiCi’s Pizza – November 21, 2025
 - Fall Break – November 24-28, 2025
 - iReady Winter Diagnostic Testing:
 - *ELA: K-6th grade scholars – Tuesday December 2, 2025

*Math: K-6th grade scholars – Thursday December 4, 2025

- Quarter 2 Benchmark Testing:

*ELA: 3rd- 6th grade scholars – Tuesday December 9, 2025

*Math: 3rd-6th grade scholars – Wednesday December 10,

2025

*Science: 4th & 6th grade scholars only – Thursday

December 11, 2025

6. Comments or Concerns

7. Adjourn

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Minutes

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Meeting Mode: Virtual

Participants Present:

1. DeonAndre Richardson	Principal, ex-officio member
2. Chadwick Hawkins	Assistant Principal, ex-officio member
3. Lesha Miller	Assistant Principal, ex-officio member
4. Shirley Bates	Chairperson, Parent/Community
5. Dr. Jennifer Cauthen	Director of Special Projects
6. Ashley Bushell	Instructional Coach
7. Myrtis White	Secretary, Parent Liaison
8. Sheryl Hollins	Vice-Chairperson, Literacy Coach, Parent
9. Louvenia Hunter	Parent
10. Tiffany Beaver	Instructional Assistant, Grandparent
11. Sheron Cook	PowerSchool Clerk, Grandparent
12. Marsha Hough	4th Grade Teacher
13. Kyreem Oakes	4th Grade Teacher
14. Katrina Tolbert	Multi-grades Special Services Teacher

The virtual meeting began with a reading of the minutes from our October meeting, which were approved as read with necessary corrections. There were no corrections at that time. Principal Richardson then addressed the latest school report card in his principal's report. He read the SC State Law, 59-18-1625, which according to the State Department of Education's regulations states that schools must inform the district superintendent, local school board and parents when it is designated as underperforming. He expressed that the report showed scores and designation for the 23-24 and 24-25 academic years with the former year showing FES as unsatisfactory and the latter year showing below average. The report also showed academic achievement from the 23-24 school year to the 24-25 school year. In the former year FES was designated as unsatisfactory, then as below average in the latter school year. Student progress was made in the 24-25 school year, from below average to average.

Mr. Richardson laid out the next steps for FES which include

- Strengthening Tier 1 instruction in Math and ELA
- Providing target initiatives and enrichment
- Building teacher capacity
- Fostering a safe and supportive environment
- Engaging Families and the community: Sending out report cards and hosting parent conferences

Old business: The council briefly discussed the Home-School compact that was sent out on ParentSquare and completed by parents. Parents and other stakeholders were thanked for their participation in developing and completing the compact. The council was again reminded of our weekly newsletter the Fairfield Quest where they can find information about the happenings at FES. The Parent Liaison thanked everyone for reading each week.

New business: Parents and stakeholders were asked what family engagement type of activities or workshops they would be interested in. Options suggested were:

- Parents eating lunch with their children, i.e. the Thanksgiving lunch day at school.
- Skilled/trained parents and/or high school students offering tutoring sessions to students who need help in order to help teachers in the classrooms. (The principal said he would have to look into this).
- Giving awards to parents, as this might cause them to be more involved in their children's activities and academics. This parent also commended the 3rd grade teachers for the work they do with the students and felt students need to be more structured and attentive in class. The principal offered to chat more about this with the parent after the meeting.
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- School dances
- Mommy and Me painting activity.
- Put more effort into fun, educational activities, like Math and Science.
- NFL night- a **N**ight for **F**amily **L**earning with various educational activities for scholars and families provided by the school/teachers.

A parent also asked if there will be afterschool tutoring for younger students. Principal Richardson stated that at this time, the budget for afterschool tutoring is focused on scholars who will be taking the SCReady Assessment in the spring.

Mr. Hawkins, Assistant Principal, addressed the group regarding iReady testing. He stated that iReady Testing is testing scholars for growth and is done three (3) times a school year. It is to see how they've grown throughout the year. It was asked if scholars could have an iReady pizza field trip each time they take the test and improve on their scores. Mr. Hawkins said he would have to follow up with the principal about this.

There were no further comments or concerns.

The meeting was adjourned.

