

Minutes of FMMS School Council Meeting

Feagin Mill Middle School Council
September 6, 2011

The Feagin Mill Middle School Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, 8:06 a.m. in Room 103 at FMMS, 1200 Feagin Mill Road, Warner Robins, GA 31088.

School Council Members Present: (list members present)

Dr. Jesse Davis, Principal
Melissa Bourke, Faculty
Brian Lewis, Faculty
Joe Matchette, Parent
Dr. Eric Harrison, Parent Businessperson
Sonya Jenkins, Parent Businessperson
Linda Rydholm, Parent

School Council Members Absent: None

All members were present, representing a quorum.

The following visitors attended the meeting: None

1. Call to Order

Dr. Davis called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

2. Inspiration

Dr. Davis said a word of prayer for the inspirational message.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Davis led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

4. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Davis distributed the agenda posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

The School Council approved the agenda as presented.

5. Approval of Minutes

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Since this is the first School Council meeting of the year, there were no minutes to approve.

6. Recognition of Visitors

There were no visitors at this particular meeting.

7. Presentation(s) to School Council

The presentation, which was going to be provided by Mr. Langley (Assistant Principal), on the student achievement at FMMS was presented by Dr. Davis. Mr. Langley was working with a student in the office. This information is addressed below.

8. New Business/Report of Principal

Motion Entered: According to the by-laws, there should be seven members represented in the School Council.

In addressing the contact information, a few changes are to be made:

Mrs. Jenkins prefers her cell number, 478-320-3263, to be her contact number.

Mr. Matchette stated that his cell number needs to be put on the contact list rather than his wife's number. His number is 602-312-7373.

Dr. Davis also addressed each of the following By-Laws:

- 1) Inactivity of a School Council Member- If three meetings/trainings has been missed, they are to be inactive. Emails, calls, or Skype can be an acceptable form of participation.
- 2) The number of meetings and dates of meetings have been quarterly in the past. Each member was asked for their opinion. Each member agreed that quarterly works for them. Members were asked about the day of the week for meetings. The council decided that Tuesdays would be the best day for School Council meetings. In looking at the calendar, the School Council decided that November 15, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. would be our next meeting date. The next quarterly meeting was decided and will be March 6, 2011. The final School Council meeting will be April 24, 2011.
- 3) Next item: The month when the School Council elections will be held- was decided that May would be the month.
- 4) If any person wants to address the council or be a visitor, they need to complete a form to be given to the council prior to the meeting.
- 5) School Council officers- In the by-laws, the School Council's role of the Chairperson is someone who meets with the principal prior to the meeting about the agenda. The Chairperson begins the meeting, leads the Pledge of Allegiance and inspiration. There is a Vice Chairperson and a Secretary. Upon nominations, Mrs. Sonya Jenkins volunteered to be the Chairperson for the current School Council. All members voted in favor of this nomination- 7-0 vote. Mr. Matchette nominated himself for Vice

Chairperson- and 7-0 vote completed the nomination. Melissa Bourke nominated herself for the Secretary position. She will fill this position with a 7-0 vote.

6) Dr. Davis presented the student achievement at FMMS by means of PowerPoint. The achievement scores for the 6, 7, and 8th graders at FMMS for the past three years was presented (scores for the CRCT for meeting/exceeding in Reading, Language Arts, and Math). Students for special needs were also included in this information. The subject matter isn't as abstract in 7th grade as it is for the 6th and 8th graders, so we see a lot of improved performance in the 7th grade. The 8th grade expectations are much tougher than the previous grades due to the fact that they are being prepared for high school. Physical science is actually an introduction to economics/physics. There is a lot of math application in science at this time. Common core GPS is coming soon which means that nationally, we won't see gaps as we have in the past between states.

7) The Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) slide was shown to the council. Each member was also presented with a copy. Performance graphs are shared on this plan. Every school operates under the same four categories in our school system: Student Achievement, Student and Stakeholder Engagement, Organizational Effectiveness, and Learning and Growth.

In Student Achievement, teachers are having test talks with each individual student about their past and future achievement and goals. Members were asked to please go over this information with their students at home. Thinking maps are also being used by teachers in their instruction. There are seven different thinking maps that will be used. We are going to learn about these thinking maps in our professional learning in October. Teachers will continue to provide multiple learning opportunities for students. RTI (Response to Intervention) continues to be implemented at FMMS. ARRA funded technologies will be utilized in instruction of SWD's. Saturday School will be implemented more often this year- more to come on this. Bullying education program will be conducted with all stakeholders. Wonderful Wolves program will continue in which students are recognized for outstanding performance. Students will have opportunities to read to and visit elementary-age students. We will have a family learning night- more information to come. Newsletters will continue to be sent home to parents. Professional learning for administrators and teachers will continue to occur throughout the year. Teacher led and teacher-driven professional learning will also continue to occur throughout the year.

8) FMMS will be visiting a middle school where high achievement in science is occurring and find out what they are doing. Dr. Davis will be arranging this "field trip" in the future.

9) Dr. Davis mentioned the upcoming SPLOST election. We don't receive Title I funding, so we are in need of more technology. We have had to save each year to get where we are with technology our school. We have an outstanding software program, but we cannot use it because of our older teacher workstations. We want anything that can get our children up out of their seats and interacting is what is needed. In regards to FMMS, our entryway can be improved and renovated with the SPLOST. New carpeting is also on the list. Lighting will be updated. A new football stadium is in the plan behind HCHS. Two new elementary schools are planned and a new bus facility is also in

the plan. These are just a few of the things that are being planned. The SPLOST doesn't add anything new for taxes- just the same.

The School Council made a motion to adjourn after visiting the Band room to observe students.

The next meeting of the FMMS School Council will be held on November 15, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at FMMS, Room 103.