

Forest Street Community School
School Leadership Team

Virtual Meeting
January 24, 2022
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

- Dr. Lofton Cooke called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.
- Attendance: Dr. Lofton Cooke, Ms. Delgado, Ms. Battle, Ms. Springer, Ms. Irving, Ms. Kiernan, Ms. Edwards/Wheeler, Ms. Walker, Ms. Vallecillo, Ms. Hanson, Ms. Stokes, Ms. Hunter, Mr. Canares, Ms. Kenyon, Mr. Nathan.

Cooke reported that FSCS will apply to become a National Blue Ribbon School. Dr. Fitzhugh strongly supports the application. She has been in contact with the Blue Ribbon Committee since September. The academic progress and improvement of students over time will be a key component – student growth for grades 3 to 7. Data pre-pandemic will be used.- 4 year period.

The team viewed a video regarding National Blue Ribbon Schools.

The Blue Ribbon Committee will visit the school on April 6 and 7.

Day 1 – Conversation, meet with parent group, class visits, student focus group, class visits,
9-12 a.m. - Pre K – 3rd grade.

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. - upper grades. After school focus group with teachers.

Day 2 – meet with administration, class visits, BR Committee meets themselves

Need to look at the vision and mission. Dr. Lofton Cooke and Ms. Delgado will revisit and share with the committee.

It was noted that the Data slide – 2016 – 2019 shows the progression of students by grade thru the years. It needs to be broken down to show the overall and sub group data.

Process

Survey – ideas to encourage parents – surveys are pre covid – starting at 3rd grade & up and how we operated pre covid –Feb ---begin and end. 2 or 3 in March. Must be complete April 5th

Suggested Ms. Walker to reach out to former students who are doing big things. Tape and send to Irving. Must include ESL and SPED. In person – Feb 16. Videos ready by Feb 9th - Video available students – Week Feb 15--- also ask alumnae to join virtual meetings.

Virtual ---Jan 31/Feb 1 – Kick-off event with door prizes. Dr. Fitzhugh will be invited.

Dr. Lofton Cooke –will record a message that can be shared with parents on Dojo/Remind

Assignments

- Springer, Kiernan, Battle, and Hanson to look at K-2 data and information. Questions to answer are: What is the foundation? What type of assessments are used? What do teachers do with data? (include MicroSociety information)
- Canares – Micro – How bring in the government piece?
- Angie – news casts, videos, plays
- Angie, Edwards to ID parents for parent group
- Wheeler work with teachers to – ID students

The committee will develop a Strategic Plan. Suggestions include – cross articulation PD and Collegial walk thrus, program with UMDNJ Dental, Shakespeare, Extended school day, student centered conferences, parent university,

Next meeting – Feb 2 – virtual – 5:30 pm