

**Forest Street School  
SMT Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 5, 2016  
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm**

**1. Meeting to Order**

- Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting, 4/6/16
- Present: Jacob Warta, Brian Canares, Francesca Romain, Reverend Childress, William Donnelly, Crystal Battle, Yancisca Cooke, Steve Dourdis, and Amanda Spong

**2. Old Business**

- Old business is reviewed and accepted

**3. New Business**

- Shadow Day (**Goal #2, Parent/Community involvement**)
  - 60 parent responses
  - The breakfast will be held in the multi-purpose room
  - The program will be from 8:30 to 12:00
- Career Day (**Goal #2**)
  - Mr. Donnelly got in contact with a detective to get a representative for career day with no response
  - A phone call will be made by Mr. Donnelly
  - The response for the event has not been that big
- Family Liaison update (**Goal #2 & Goal #3**)
  - Clothing Drive
    - 130 - 150 bags collected and picked up
    - \$518 was collected from the event
    - The recommendation is for the drive to be done again in the fall
  - Beautificat and Cleanup Project
    - May be rescheduled due to the rain
    - Option B: conduct the event after school one day
    - Due to the assistance of the community, we will plan to hold the event but be ready for the event of rain
  - Community School Model Report
    - The teachers on the team are surveyed to see how best to conduct the report
    - Mr. Dourdis decides that it is best to conduct an interview
    - Teachers will given appointments to complete the interview with Mr. Dourdis
  - Multicultural Day Event
    - Each class will be assigned a country
    - The event will be held on May 10th
    - The event will take place in the multi-purpose room to alleviate the time
    - One suggestion is made to have countries be divided per grade level
    - Some challenges that may come from the event having parents provide dishes from the country that has been assigned to the classroom

- ⌚ Parents may be less likely to donate foods that they are not comfortable with
      - Classes will be assigned and families will be asked to donate a cultural dish
      - As a class project students
      - United streaming and discovery education can be used as a resource
  - Coin Drive **(Goal #1 and Goal #2)**
    - Containers will be going around on next week to begin the drive
  - Disney Grant
    - Mrs. Maribel (former councilman) discussed with Ms. Cooke about the Disney grant.
    - On Friday, May 6 at 10:30 - 11:45 with a show to follow
    - Mr. Dourdis will go to the event to represent the school
    - An application for the grant is being completed for the grant
  - New Teen Clothing **(Goal #1, #2, & #3)**
    - New Jersey Development donated clothing in partnership with the community school in Patterson
    - Possible ideas for the use of the donations
      - ⌚ Clothing is recommended to be given to the 7th grade girls for their Gala or Moving Up Ceremony
      - ⌚ A fashion show
      - ⌚ For boys: have a “how to tie a tie workshop”
      - ⌚ Mr. Dourdis will look into getting a donation for male attire
  - PTO update **(Goal #2)**
    - The attempt will be to steer the PTO to invest the earnings for the year to enhance the sound system or the multi-purpose room for the school
    - They will like to have a PTO meeting on May 11 at Hat City Kitchen
  - Microsociety strategies **(Goal #1 & #2)**
    - Ms. Cooke voiced her pleasure with the staff meetings that was held on Monday to strategize for microsociety on next school year
    - Prior to the end of the school year ventures need to be planned to begin the new year
    - During the last week of Micro, students will be asked to work on products that the venture will be produced and what will be needed in the warehouse to stock the venture
- Title 1 Plan
  - Mr. Canares will be editing the plan to bring forth to the team

#### **4. Adjourn**

**-motion to adjourn, Ms. Cooke**