

Forest Street Community School
SLT Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 1, 2018
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Meeting to Order

- Mr. Donnelly called the meeting to order.

Attendance

- The following members were in attendance: Dr. Yancisca Loften-Cooke, Mrs. Nyree Delgado, Mr. William Donnelly, Mr. Brian Canares, Ms. Monique Walker, Mr. Kyle Winter, Ms. Francesca Romain, Ms. Tyarra Hunter, Ms. Sarah Hanson, Ms. Jenelle Stokes.

Old Business

1. Dr. Loften made a motion to accept the minutes of May 8, 2018. Seconded by Mrs. Delgado. The team voted unanimously to accept the minutes.
2. The team discussed the Summer Jam, agreed that it was a successful event and should be continued next year. Mr. Donnelly made a motion to continue the Summer Jam event. Seconded by Ms. Hanson. The team voted unanimously to continue the event.

New Business

3. Principal's Notes
 - a. Forest Street has been designated a community school and is now named ***Forest Street Community School***.
 - b. Dr. Loften asked for a volunteer to be the recording secretary. Sarah Hanson volunteered.
 - c. Dr. Loften, Mrs. Delgado, and Mr. Donnelly reported on the Micro Society Program. See Micro Society section for details.
 - d. There will be an alternative program for selected students in grades 6, 7, and 8. Ms. Murphy will roll over the grades.
 - e. It was suggested that Dr. Russo and Ms. Onyesonwu be invited to discuss grading for new ESL students. It was noted that it is important to determine how to grade students appropriately without watering down standards that prepare them for taking standardized tests.
 - f. Staff will be provided a monthly update by the SLT.
 - g. Staff should read the Annual School Planning 2018 – 2019 document.
 - h. There will be a Saturday Academy/Boot Camp for grades 3 to 7. Each session will be from 9 a.m. to Noon. Based on Progress Report information, students will be assigned to attend 4 Saturday sessions.

- i. Dates for school events were discussed. See Upcoming Events section.
- j. There will be a Parent University at the beginning of each marking period for a total of 4. At these sessions, teachers will share what the child is expected to learn by the end of the marking period. Teachers will also provide resources for home to support students during the marking period.
- k. All annual paperwork will be sent home by September 14th.
- l. PARCC testing will take place May 5-16.
- m. Benchmark testing was discussed. Assessments that will be used need to be finalized.
- n. Staff meetings will begin with all teachers, then groups will separate into disciplines.

Micro Society

- 4. Mr. Donnelly reported on the 3 ½ day Micro Society Conference that he, Mrs. Delgado, and Ms. Kiernan attended.
 - a. There needs to be a paradigm shift from a teacher centered to a student centered approach.
 - b. Micro Society injects personal responsibility into the school community. “Thrive, not just survive.”
 - c. Students need to do the work – i.e. students are responsible for the Venture word wall.
 - d. Mrs. Delgado and Mr. Donnelly will distribute a list of suggested ventures and provide exemplars.

Dr. Lofton discussed with the team that:

- the Pantherville constitution will be posted.
- students are citizens rather than students.
- all citizens will participate.
- citizens will have to make a decision to cooperate with other students, rather than only working in groups with people that they like.
- citizens will earn money for being on time, wearing the uniform, working, etc.
- Micro will have to decide how much money can be earned and fined.
- Micro terminology will be incorporated throughout the day/school.
- Micro words will be incorporated into word walls.
- job charts will utilize real world professions – instead of “Lights” use “Electrician”
- it will be important to change mindsets, so everyone, students and teachers, can buy into the infusion of Micro throughout the school.

MicroSociety dates

- Starts day one
- Monday – Thursday
- Sept. to Nov. – teaching lessons
- Mid Nov. – government operating and finalize ventures
- Lower grades – addressing deficiencies and utilize stations

Action Required

5. Action Items
 - Schedule meeting with Dr. Russo and Ms. Onyesonwu to discuss grading for new ESL students
 - Finalize format for Parent University
 - Finalize Benchmark Assessments
 - List of possible Micro Ventures and exemplars
 - Micro Society details
 - Determine procedure to inform staff regarding SLT

Upcoming Events

6. Calendar
 - Superintendent's Forum – September 4
 - Professional Development – September 5-7
 - First Student Day – September 10
 - Grandparents Day – September 14
 - Back to School Block Party – September 22, 1-3 p.m. (Raindate – 9-29)
 - Parent University – September 17, 6-8 p.m.
 - Staff Meeting – September 24
 - SLT Meeting – September 26
 - Math Boot Camp – September 13, 20, 27, October 3
 - Shadow Day – October 19, 8:30-11 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Hanson

Attachments
School Leadership Team Outline
Micro Annual Conference