

FHHS Site-based Management Team  
 Meeting #9  
 May 8, 2013, 4:00 pm  
 FHHS Media Center

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
English	Trent Thomas	Present
Math	Stacy Lucas	Present
Science	Christy Burris	Present
Social Studies	Amanda Donato	Present
CTE	Michael Hastings	Present
Other Special Area	Michelle Ballard	Present
EC Representative	Karen Casacalenda	Present
Student Support Services	Melissa Howell	Present
Classified Employees	Ricky Williams/Sandra Lee	Both Present
At-Large	Kathy Deese	Present
At-Large	Kelly Norris Blakney	Present
Parent	Tracy Medlin	Present
Parent	Caryn Helms	Present
Parent	Tasha Rushing	Present
Parent	Cathy Stewart	
Parent	Chad Whitley	Present
Parent	Ann Gogatz	Present
Parent	Wendy Vest	
Parent	Donna Helms	
Parent	Connie Harrell	Present
Student Representative	Kimberly Rivers	
Principal	Kevin Plue	Present
Assistant Principal	Tracy Strickland	Present

**Call to Order**

Mrs. Blakney called the meeting to order at 4:00. Refreshments prepared by Mrs. Gould's classes were provided as a thank you to the group for their hard work.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved that the last revision of the April minutes be approved as emailed. The motion passed unanimously.

**Elections for 2013-2014 School Year**

For next school year, the following constituent groups will need a new representative.

English will need a representative to complete Mr. Thomas' term. He will be transferring to Sun Valley High School. Other Special Area will need a representative to fill a full three-year term since Mrs. Ballard has completed hers. Student Support Services will need a representative to fill a full three-year term since Ms. Howell has completed hers. Dr. Plue has contacted some parents who might be interested in serving next year.

State law requires election by secret ballot. It is up to each representative who will be leaving to ask for people who are interested in filling the vacancy. If only one person volunteers, the constituent group can accept by

acclamation. If two or more are interested, the group must vote using secret ballot. Dr. Plue suggested using Survey Monkey to create a ballot for the group to vote. He reminded

Dr. Plue reminded each representative to understand which constituents it serves, particularly Student Support Services. There will be a June 1st deadline for election of new representatives.

### **Mission Statement**

Review of the mission revealed that it didn't reflect the current state of education here at FHHS and in general. Since individualization of instruction is such a focus, we wanted a mission statement that reflected the many things we do to make students successful as individuals. The proposed new mission statement is: "Helping each student reach their highest potential."

Dr. Plue explained that the committee was very purposeful in the words it chose.

"Helping" – was chosen to reflect the attitude we want to take.

"each student" – was chosen recognizing that there is a difference between "each student" and "all students."

We want to look at each child as an individual.

"reach" – easier for all to understand than achieve or other words that were considered

"highest potential" – Since students have different levels of potential, again we want to recognize the individual and each student's unique potential.

The committee is asking for an endorsement from this body before taking the next step, which is presenting it to the full staff for a vote. Discussion consisted of one parent commenting that it was short, sweet, simple, and to the point. There was a call for a vote to endorse the statement. It was unanimously accepted and will be put before faculty as required by the bylaws.

### **Budget Update**

Dr. Plue reported that we have received commitment for an eighth math teacher. Lauren Brooks, Wake County's Teacher of the Year is moving here and marrying a Forest Hills alum. Dr. Plue has received a commitment from downtown that a position will be available and that she will be hired. It makes the math numbers look much better.

At this time, there is no indication that special projects money will be different. It is divided mainly by free/reduced lunch numbers, and here it is used for staff development, extra work during the summer for guidance, and for other special needs.

We are still waiting for rest of the critical needs/high priority moneys final numbers. This can determine whether we are able to maintain extra positions like tutors (Mrs. Lahey, Mrs. Styron) and a person to help with testing modifications (Craig).

### **Additional items**

Mr. Thomas brought a request from the students that the group reconsider the pants rule to include yoga pants. The group did not want to raise the issue again at this time. For now, the decision on pants is to stand as written.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at about 4:25.

This was the last meeting of the school year. There is no meeting in June.