

FHHS Site-based Management Team
Meeting #2
Sept. 12, 2012, 4:00 pm
FHHS Media Center

Position	Name	Attendance
English	Trent Thomas	Present
Math	Stacy Lucas	Present
Science	Christy Burris	Present
Social Studies	Amanda Donato	
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	S. Lee - Present
At-Large	Kathy Deese	
At-Large	Kelly Norris Blakney	Present
Parent	Tracy Medlin	
Parent	Caryn Helms	
Parent	Tasha Rushing	
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	Present
Assistant Principal	Tracy Strickland	Present
Principal	Kevin Plue	Present

Call to Order

Mrs. Blakney called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes (Actionable)

Ms. Howell passed out paper copies of the May and August minutes. She had received an email from Mrs. Strickland requesting that her name be added to the list of those in attendance at the August meeting. There was a motion that the minutes be accepted with that correction. The group unanimously approved. A question was raised about the minutes being in paper form rather than the email form as mentioned in the previous minutes. All future minutes will be emailed prior to the meeting to provide time for review and correction before the meeting.

5th Day I/R (Information)

Dr. Plue reported on the success so far of using the 30 minute period between first and second period to meet in homeroom. He reported that when I/R begins next week, the normal first through fourth block schedule will run, but in keeping with the approval of the SBMT at the last meeting, the fifth day, when it occurs, will be used for special activities. The following plans have been made so far for first semester. Students will report to homeroom for the following activities/programs:

Bullying (Guidance) on Sept. 28

Flash Mob (Homecoming Committee) on Oct. 5

Get Schooled (Attendance Committee) on Oct. 26

Mock Election (Social Studies Dept.) on Nov. 2

(Dec 7 is still open, but will be planned.)
Globalization (Globalization Committee) on Dec. 14

It was reported that homeroom has been working well as teachers are getting to know their students. It is very important to have plans. Planning on second semester will begin soon.

School Improvement Plan (Information)

The School Improvement Plan approved by the SBMT at the August meeting was emailed to the FHHS staff and though everyone has not yet voted on it, 47 have approved of it and none have disapproved. It has been overwhelmingly approved and has been posted on the school website.

Scheduling Tests – Gather Input (Information)

Based on some concern from teachers, Dr. Plue raised the question of whether we want to schedule testing days for the departments. There are several reasons this is being discussed.

One is that it is difficult for some of our students when they have multiple tests on same day. Another is that it is often difficult to administer accommodated and modified tests when there are too many classes testing at the same time.

In general discussion, the idea was met with mixed feelings. While some teachers don't like the idea, others see benefits for staff and students. A student and one parent felt that it was "not an issue." Another parent expressed her belief that it would help in her household with planning and scheduling since her children play sports and are involved in many activities. A faculty member and a parent both brought up the fact that children are different and that multiple tests on one day may present no problem for some students, but could present a significant challenge to others.

All members were asked to consult with their constituent groups and gather input regarding this issue and get it to Mrs. Blakney before the next meeting.

Proposed Budget (Information)

Dr. Plue showed a proposed budget, pointing out the school's needs and how the new budget will address them. Some items, like copier paper, remain largely unchanged. Though no money was spent on postage last year because of an overage remaining from an earlier year, we may need money for postage this year. The main change from last year's budget is a plan to allot more money to the departments for equipment and supplies they feel they need and more to summer employment for the counseling department who need more time for student schedules. The savings for these two items will come mainly in technology. Last year, technology was the focus and the bulk of the budget. Now that every classroom has a SmartBoard, a document camera, and a slate, and every teacher has a laptop, the money can be spared for these other priorities.

The final numbers will soon be in, and the full proposed budget will be presented for action at the October meeting.

Parent Question

A parent expressed concern over a change requiring students to take the extra fruit or vegetable serving in the cafeteria even if they do not want it. Dr. Plue explained that state and federal laws govern school lunch regulations, and that there is really no change that the school can make regarding this. She was directed to give feedback to the child nutrition department.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned about 4:25 pm. The next meeting is October 10 at 4:00 pm in the media center.