

FCC Agenda-Minutes
Monday, September 21, 2015
6-7:30pm @ 29 Willowbrook Road

1. School Updates (Principal)
 - a. Mrs. Tenore shared the change/additions in staff as well as the need to hire one preschool teacher and instructors. She talked about our new music teacher, full time art teacher, and P.E. teacher, which are new to the program this year. Reiterated that we will only have 1 instructor in the 1+2 classrooms this year. K-2 will be using Readers and Writers workshop this year.
 - b. Mrs. Booker mentioned some upcoming events: October 5th School Community Night for pre-k and k at 29 Willowbrook Road. And October 7th School Community Night grades 1+2 at 167 Riverside Drive.
2. Discuss school Mission and Vision
 - a. Our schools mission and vision were shared and displayed to gain feedback from parents. Below are the changes that were suggested.
 - b. Goodwin College Early Childhood Magnet School is a nurturing community ~~comprised~~ of learners that values our families while fostering genuine relationships. Environments and opportunities are thoughtfully created in response to children's interests, which guide authentic and meaningful learning experiences.
 - c. Our mission is to honor the natural development and diversity of all children so that they can reach their individual potential. Through respectful interactions and our dedication to high quality instruction, we foster a sense of wonder and curiosity that serves as a catalyst for a lifetime of learning. As a Reggio Emilia inspired school, the process of learning is celebrated, represented and acknowledged through ongoing reflection and documentation. (no changes)
3. Discuss Magnet Standards
 - a. Cheryl Whipple out Magnet Theme Coach shared and presented our magnet theme standards that were put together in several installments. Cheryl explained that these standards have not been released yet due to the need to have parent feedback. There was only a change made to the fourth standard.

- i. Parents comments about the standards were that they like how the wording is parent friendly, that children will have experiences in social studies, and other important areas.
 1. A suggestion was to have these statements along with the mission and vision posted around the school and made visible to everyone. Also to change them so that children use them: pledge, to gain ownership.
4. We discussed the vision of this committee. Parents suggested that we send out an agenda ahead of time that outlined what would be discussed at each meeting. This way parents were able to send any thoughts who may not be able to attend.
 - a. Use parent expertise, everyone has something to share.
 - b. Agree on a mission of the committee; go over this again at next meeting.
 - c. Develop some sub committees – always encouraging help and parent participation.
 - d. Discuss Coffee House at next meeting: consider having at two buildings; provide to go bags for door-to-door families at 167.
5. Mentioned that we (as a magnet school) participate in 4 RSCO tours every year where we meet and talk with prospective parents and families. We are looking for parent volunteers to rotate through the dates (1/2 hour max time) to join in helping recruit families.
 - a. Email Dena Booker if you are interested in volunteering.
6. Expressed a big thank you to all of the parents who have helped donate clothes gift cards and other materials for the family who was in need. The child has be able to come to school on a daily basis.

Next FCC Meeting will be on October 19th at the 167 Building. (8:30-9:30am)