

FCC Meeting Notes  
October 19, 2015  
Held at 167 Riverside Drive building (8:30-9:30pm)

Principal and Assistant Principal Updates:

- We are in recruitment season: RSCO fairs are happening once a month
- The staff will be welcoming Mike Anderson this Friday (10/23) to talk with staff about Responsive Classroom. He helped create the book *The First Six Weeks of School*, authored by Responsive Classroom.
- K-2 are doing Readers and Writers Workshop in the classroom

Miss Booker and Miss Decoteau will be attending a Welcoming Walk through PD in November. This training will help gauge where we are doing well and need some improvement in regards to providing a welcoming environment for anyone who visits our school.

- We will be looking for people to help with the walk throughs at our school.

Coffee House:

There has been some concern for coffee house not happening at both buildings. We will be holding coffee house for the 167 building on the last Thursday of this month and Coffee House at 29 building on the last Friday of the month.

- At 167: we will have to-go bags to hand out for the car door service, we will have coffee already made with small cream and sugar packs.

There was a brief discussion about the vision of the FCC: to foster community between home and school, and to be involved with community activities.

Thoughts around activities/events/ workshops:

- Bring the school to the community. Hold events in Hartford (40% of our families)
- Continue Art Exploration Nights
- Paint Night for parents and child (have someone facilitate)
- Meet at the Ice Skating Rink (Hartford) Free

We discussed some ways to inform parents/families about what children are learning:

#### Grade Level meetings

- Academic focus on what children use and do
- Suggested holding a community night-academic focus
- Something to highlight how we are still meeting the state mandates and standards despite our unique approach.
- Suggested posting articles to website that support learning: Reggio Emilia Approach, Project Approach, How to build literacy skills at home etc. (Harvard, Making Learning Visible)
- Try to send information home on a regular basis

#### Website/Social Media:

Consider putting together a Facebook account.

Teachers do send home weekly newsletters, important to reinforce to teachers that they are being received.

Need to find ways to make the 167 Building feel more welcoming when you enter/visit.

Meet to set up to-go bags the Last Wednesday Morning of the month.

Next FCC Meeting will be held at the 29 Building on November 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm. Please RSVP if you need childcare.