

FCHS SGT Agenda

March 21, 2017

4:30pm – 6:00pm

Media Center

- I. **Call to Order—Meeting called to order at 4:36 by Principal Erik Cioffi, with the following members present: Christie Rose, Holly Viccaro, Julie Arp, Tim Nicholson and Kevin Panter. Non-voting member/secretary Theresa Dillard was present. Members absent were: Joy Hellerstedt, Jessie DeCosta, Kathryn Weaver. One guest present, Cynthia Panter, District Executive Director.**

- a. Approve Agenda Erik Cioffi
Motion to accept agenda made by Holly Viccaro and seconded by Julie Arp. No discussion; unanimously approved.
- b. Minutes Erik Cioffi
Motion to accept minutes from February made by Christie Rose and seconded by Kevin Panter. No discussion; unanimously approved.
- c. Requests Erik Cioffi
- i. School Facility Use Requests – The facilities requested this month do not require approval by the SGT but are provided for informational purposes.

May 20, 2017	8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Health Sci. Classroom	Anne Soriero	Community CNA Class
	Also June 1 - 2; June 5 - 8; June 14 – 15; July 10 – 12;			
April 22 & May 20	11 a.m. – Noon	Room 115 E	Brian Tesoriero	Europe Trip Meeting
May 11	3 – 9:30 p.m.	Cafeteria	Rhonda Mathews	FFA Banquet

(Originally Scheduled for May 4 but changed)

- ii. School Field Trip Requests—Motion to approve Competitions and field trips out of county made by Holly Viccaro and seconded by Christie Rose. No discussion; unanimously approved.

4/25 – 26	Burch	Hutchinson Career Academy, Macon, GA—State Culinary Competition
4/27 – 29	Mathews	Macon, GA—Competition and State FFA Convention
5/9	Mathews	Chattahoochee Tech, Jasper, GA—Competition and Area Awards Banquet
6/9	Pavao	Pickens Co. HS, Jasper, GA—Football Camp
6/13 – 14	Pavao	Pickens Co. HS, Jasper, GA—Team Camp
7/12 – 13	Pavao	Calhoun HS, Calhoun, GA—Seven-on-Seven Camp
7/19 – 7/20	Pavao	Northwest Whitfield HS, Dalton, GA—Team Camp
12/26/18 – 1/3/19	Barnstead	To and From Hartsfield Int. Airport, Atlanta, GA—Band to fly to London to Participate in New Year’s Day parade

Local field trips not needing SGT approval but provided for informational purposes:

4/20	Mathews	Fannin Development Authority, Blue Ridge—students Landscaping
4/25	Mathews	FC Cannery, Blue Ridge—students processing foods
4/26	Mathews	Speedling, Inc, Blairsville, GA—students touring facility
4/28	Soriero	Fannin Regional Hospital, Blue Ridge, GA—students touring facility
5/5	T. Thomas	UCB, Blue Ridge, GA—students assisting in community service (no bus needed)

- iii. School Fundraiser Requests—Motion to approve fund raiser requests made by Kevin Panter and seconded by Christie Rose. No discussion; unanimously approved.

3/22 – 4/14/17	Soriero	HOSA	Krispy Kreme Doughnuts
3/22 – 4/28	Soriero	HOSA	Students requesting donations from local healthcare providers
3/28	M. Stone	Track	Zaxby's Night
4/1 – 30	Mathews	FFA	Vidalia Onions
4/1 – 5/ 26	Padgett	FBLA	Online – students submitting email addresses in homeroom
4/18	A. Patterson	NHS	Zaxby's Night
4/18	M. Davis	NHS	Zaxby's Night

II. Children's Fund Tara Cantrell – (she was unable to attend)

Cynthia Panter stepped in to give information. Previous fund for students at one school had an anonymous donor and then donor passed away. The fund served students in need in an immediate capacity. Since fund was already established, it was decided to continue and make it available to all students and all schools. Funds will be used to assist students in need while supplementing local community resources. Tara Cantrell is school social worker and will oversee the fund. There is a process for requesting funds with the first step being to contact Tara. If need is approved payment sent to school. Elementary schools already had a dance at middle school to raise money. All Schools will donate along with community members and anyone interested in supporting the students of FC. Items purchased include but are not limited to glasses, shoes, clothing, fees, academic needs, etc.

III. SGT Funds for 2017-2018 SY Erik Cioffi

a. Testing/MOWR Coordinator—District received money last year from state due to being a Charter System with the money being divided equally among our five schools. FCHS utilized their portion of money towards the position of Testing/Move On When Ready (MOWR) Coordinator (the amount of money was approximately \$52,000 which was not enough to cover the salary of the position but the district generously supplemented the amount). It is the recommendation of Mr. Cioffi for the FCHS SGT to support this position again for next year as MOWR is “exploding “ and the need for the position is even greater than last year. The number of students applying for MOWR has tripled from last year. Every student is counseled and reviewed before being accepted into the program. Once in the program grades are monitored and there is extensive collaboration between the high school MOWR Coord and the post-secondary institutions. Motion made to support and request the continuation of the Testing/MOWR position for the 2017-18 School year by Tim Nicholson and seconded by Kevin Panter. No further discussion; unanimously approved.

IV. Prioritized Needs for 2017-2018 SY Erik Cioffi

Staff is currently assessing their needs for next year and prioritizing. SGT will review in April and again in August. Also in April school will begin preparing for an August state visit of the school. We will consult with local and state to see what improvements need to be made before August visit. District will utilize SPLOST funds during summer to meet needs. This is an opportunity to improve our school. CTAE (Vocational building) opened in fall of 1970 and the original main building opened in fall of 1976. While there have been renovations along with excellent care given to the facilities by custodians and district maintenance staff, we will benefit from the preparation of the visit and the visit itself.

V. Facility/Safety Reports

Erik Cioffi

The first phase of the Salto Locks has been completed. Teachers have new ID cards to use to access the building. The locks are on a timer so students can access buildings during class changes. During class time, students are given a card by their teacher if they need access to a building. There are a few bugs and we will continue to work on getting rid of these and hopefully have more doors added in the future.

VI. Testing & Assessment Reports

Erik Cioffi

EOCs begin on May 3 and continue through May 19. Advanced Placement Exams begin on May 3 and continue through May 19. Final Exams for seniors are on May 22 & 23. Underclassmen Exams are on My 25 & 26.

The current fee for an AP exam is \$83 with some students receiving discounted fees based on need. All AP Exam Fees incurred by FCHS students will be covered by the FC Board of Education again this year. Their commitment to this program is very generous and to be commended as there are some students taking more than one exam. The students and staff of FCHS are grateful for this support.

VII. Curriculum/CTAE

Patti DuBois

- a. Pathway Offerings—A difficult decision was made several years ago to drop the cosmetology pathway when the numbers dropped drastically. (Reviewed handout of current pathways offered and the number of students enrolled in each.) FCHS added Family and Consumer Science teacher last year as numbers grew significantly and one teacher was not enough to meet the demand. Several years ago, a high school computer course requirement was implemented by the district (when school changed to block scheduling). We will start offering the computer course at FCMS in the fall (available to approximately 120 students). However, the number of students enrolling in the second and third level business courses at FCHS is dropping. (Reviewed the numbers of students in upper level courses). The question now is whether or not to keep computer course as a local graduation requirement. The discussion has been held among FCHS staff and administrators and now the SGT needs to review the possibility of dropping the course as it is not leading to the completion of a pathway. Also, if dropped as a requirement students would have an additional block open for courses in other pathways. If the SGT recommends the course be dropped, the recommendation would have to be presented to the FC BOE and then be tabled for 30 days.

Motion for the SGT to recommend to the BOE to drop the current computer course as a requirement for graduation with the course still being offered at FCHS and at FCMS; along with maintain the current 28 required credits for graduation, made by Tim Nicholson and seconded by Holly Viccaro. Further discussion was held on the success of the Basic Ag course being offered at FCMS and possibly dropping it and adding Spanish courses. However, nothing of this nature is being considered for the upcoming school year, only for future discussion. **With no further discussion the motion was unanimously approved.**

- b. Business Pathway
 - i. Intro to Digital Tech—see above
 - ii. Graduation Requirement—see above

VIII. School News

Erik Cioffi

- a. School Calendar --
 - b. Prom--- to be held on April 29 with breathalyzer for all students attending and no one over the age of 20 being allowed to attend (this is the same as it has been for the past seven years). We have a couple of state sporting events on that date but we were not able to change due to the venue accessibility.
 - c. Graduation -- to be held on May 26 at 8 p.m. either on the field or in the New Gymnasium.
- IX. Good of the Order -- PBIS minutes reviewed by Holly Viccaro (see attachment); NRA had informally asked to do an auction on this facility in June but they have not submitted documents formally; after discussions with various groups of stakeholders, the FCHS attendance policy for testing exemptions will remain at 3, 2, and 1 absences for the 2017-18 school year.**
- X. Adjourn—motion to adjourn meeting at 5:55 made by Julie Arp and seconded by Tim Nicholson. No discussion; unanimously approved.**