

Ford Elementary Principal Advisory Committee



Date: October 11, 2024

Attendees: Abbey Allee, Debbie Broadnax, Eric Dreffin, John Eck, Tiko Jones, Shawna Plunkert, Selene Satterfield, Meghan Smith, Danine Walker

1. Introductions and Icebreaker

2. Staff Changes

The council welcomed new staff members:

- Joseph Kirkland – 4th Grade
- Holly Smith– 2nd Grade IRR
- Kelly Mefford – 4th Grade IRR
- Callie Cook – 3rd Grade IRR
- Diana Guzman – 1:1 Para
- Mary Clauss – 1:1 Para
- Nedra Walker- Custodian

3. State of the School

- The council reviewed the End of Grade Milestone testing results for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Data was analyzed comparing Ford’s performance across each grade level and subject area against the state, metro Atlanta area, and district benchmarks.
- Ford excelled in all areas, with notable strength in math, which was a key focus last year.
- It was highlighted that both 4th and 5th grades achieved significantly higher scores than the state and county averages.

4. Assessment Calendar

- Administration shared that assessments will be a major focus for the district this year.
- This initiative involves examining current formative assessments used to drive instruction and have well defined grading parameters to indicate mastery of standards.
- Continuous review of assessments will be essential to ensure they meet new standards and maintain the necessary rigor.
- The Assessment Calendar, detailing the schedule by month and grade level for teachers, was reviewed.
 - Next Steps:
 - Ongoing monitoring and support for staff to implement assessment strategies effectively.
 - Plans for further discussions on enhancing student performance.

5. Literacy Laws

- Abbey Allee, our Instructional Specialist, shared key components of the new Georgia literacy laws: Georgia Early Literacy Act (HB 538) and Georgia's Dyslexia Effort (SB 48)
 - She highlighted screeners, instructional materials, interventions, progress monitoring, parent communication and professional learning.

Next Meeting: December 6, 2024, at 8:15 AM