

Family & Community Engagement

| AGENDA & MEETING NOTES

Meeting date | time 12/11/17 | 7:45 am & 3:30 pm | Meeting location HS Conference Room

Meeting called by Lyndsay Holland

Please contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas:

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Please sign in for our meeting. We keep records of total number in attendance each month. THANKS!

FBCS UPCOMING EVENTS

Time allotted | 5 Minutes | Agenda topic Upcoming Events & Announcements |

Free Holiday Meal: 7B Culinary Connections providing free meal for December 24th.

12/12 Invention Convention: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm. Winners Announced 5:30-5:45 pm.

12/12 FBCS Board Meeting: 5 pm in Kubuntu. All are welcome.

12/13-12/14 HS Trimester One Finals

12/14 FBCS Planning Committee Meeting: 4:00 – 6:00 pm in Kubuntu

12/15: EAD & End of Trimester One. Students must turn in all assignments by 1:00 pm. Doors open at 8:30 am.

1/8: Trimester Two Begins.

NEW SCHOOL COUNSELOR – VICKI VESECKY

We are thrilled to welcome Vicki Vesecky to FBCS this school year. First trimester, you may have seen her at the High School Front Office during B Days and as a long term substitute for Todd Claunch in the Middle School during A Days.

Next Trimester, Vicki will be continuing as our B Day Administrative Assistant and will be our FBCS School Counselor on A Days. Vicki earned her Bachelors Degree in Psychology and Animal Behavior and will be pursuing her Master Degree in School Psychology in Summer 2018. As our school counselor, Vicki will be partnering with our school dog, Maddie, who specializes in PTSD and Anxiety support.

PARENT UPDATE

Time allotted | 5 Minutes | Agenda topic *Communication* |

How is the communication going?

- Canvas Calendar updates are helpful but are not all inclusive of events at both campuses.
- Family request for more communication from teachers in the form of emails, phone conversations and face-to-face interaction. Some families have felt a bit disconnected coming from smaller private schools which had much more (and sometimes an overwhelming amount) of communication.

What is the school's role?

- Provide and advertise where to go to find a comprehensive list of all activities happening at FBCS. Two ideas would be Canvas & the FBCS Website.

What is the role for the families?

- Regularly check Canvas Calendar to find information on school events.
- Spread the word to other families and work to build relationships among families.

BOARD MEETING INVITATION

Time allotted | 3 Minutes | Agenda topic *All Are Welcome* |

As an effort to increase authentic partnership with our FBCS Families, please make note of our board meetings and attend as many as you are able. All meetings are at 5:00 in Kubuntu at the HS.

December 12th

March 13th

June 19th

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Time allotted | 10 Minutes | Agenda topic *Increasing Local Enrollment* |

How do we get the word out our school and what we offer?

- Advertising in gathering places such as the Library, Creations.
- Spread the word in Daily Bee, KRFY Local Radio, and other local publications.
- Make sure to mention and focus on our flexibility and that we are a school that partners high quality technology with highly qualified teachers.

How do we change the perception about being a private school?

- Highlight this fact in every publication.
- Families mentioned that this may stem from dress code and lack of general knowledge about Charter Schools.

What is the school's role? What is the role of the family? What is the role for the School Board?

- The school's role is advertising.
- The role of the family is to spread the work in the community about why they enroll their children in the school.
- The School Board's role was not discussed.

SPOTLIGHT ON FAMILY CONNECTION

To view the December Spotlight on Family Connection, please use the link provided on our FACE website page.

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 8TH