

Chesterfield County School District
Teacher Forum
October 11, 2007
12:00-2:30

- I. Lunch
 - Forum members enjoyed chicken strip dinners.
- II. Icebreaker
 - Michelle Woodward prepared our icebreaker. Members were broken into four groups where two groups worked together to balance a balloon on two fingers using a relay format. Everyone enjoyed this activity. Thank you Michelle!
- III. Updates
 - Renewal Credit – Nancy Plyler stated that anyone wishing to use Teacher Form for renewal points need to fill out Option 9. A total of 60 points will be given at the end of your second year on Teacher Forum.
 - DVD's of 2007 Retirement/Teacher of the Year Banquet – According to Mrs. Plyler, the reason the new teachers of the year haven't received a copy of the banquet is because the machine is broken.
 - 2007 Committee Report – Nancy Plyler stated that Dr. Williams has not received committee report from Teacher Forum.
- IV. Teacher Forum Constitution and By-Laws
 - Copies of the Chesterfield County By-laws were given to each Teacher Forum member. Nancy Plyler asked each member to check over the by-laws and let her know if any changes needed to be made.
- V. Election of Secretary
 - Mrs. Plyler asked for a volunteer to be the secretary. She stated that the duties would include keeping notes from the forum meeting and issuing these notes to all form members and to Ken Buck. Sue Johnson was chosen for the job.
- VI. School Board Briefs
 - A copy was distributed and discussed by Patty Fisher.
- VII. "Tidbits for Teachers"
 - Nancy discussed this project for Teacher Forum members. Each member is to write up something to include in the "Tidbits for Teachers" and bring these to the November meeting.

Things mentioned were helpful advice, words of encouragement, lesson plans, organizational hints, etc. These will be compiled and the given to all new teachers in our county. All teachers agreed to bring in son of the above mentioned items for the next meeting. Mrs. Plyler asked all Teacher Forum members to e-mail her with names of first year teachers in each school.

VIII. Discussion of Issues for Teacher Forum to work on for 2007-2008

- Personal leave policy
- Recruitment fair and teacher morale
- Consistent planning time and workday combination
- Calendar committee
- Full week of school - Committee agreed to take a survey from all Chesterfield County Schools to see what the consensus was for starting the year off with a full week of school. Teacher Forum was asked to bring this information to the next meeting and to have each person voting to sign his/her name to the form.

IX. Committee Groups

- Each Teacher Forum member signed up for a committee the felt strongly about.

X. School Calendar

- Teacher Forum members were each given several blank calendars to begin work on for the 2008-2009 school year. Each member was also given a mandatory criteria sheet for use in developing the new calendar.

XI. Closure

- Next meeting will be November 15th.