

Teacher Forum Minutes  
Thursday, October 8, 2009

- I. 12:30-12:45 Introductions/Dessert
- II. 12:45-1:00 Teacher Forum Constitution/By-laws (Powers)
  - Juli Powers reviewed the Constitution with the forum members and discussed items that we may want to consider amending.
- III. 1:00-1:10 E-Power (Ken Buck)
  - Ken Buck discussed the reason for the change from E-Chalk to E-Power and training options. He suggested that teachers consider the amount of time needed to update websites when creating their class pages.
- IV. 1:10-1:15 Legislative Update/Hooked on Politics/ PSTA
  - Polly Atkinson presented a legislative update provided by Kathy Maness through Palmetto State Teacher's Association.
- V. 1:15-1:30 CERRA
  - Polly Atkinson reviewed the purpose of CERRA.
- VI. 1:30-2:15 Goals for Teacher Forum 2009-2010
  - Calendar – A committee was formed to establish calendar options. Polly Atkinson/Juli Powers will get a template from Ken Buck with holidays marked for the committee members. After choosing two calendar options, the committee will give these to Ken Buck to print. Then the committee will share these with forum members at the November meeting so that faculty/staff can be surveyed. The forum will tally results from each school (how many voted/how many faculty/staff) at the December meeting. Juli Powers will present the calendar options and survey results at the January School Board meeting.
  - TOY Banquet- The forum plans to continue the Teacher of the Year banquet. Members discussed

the reason for not inviting the retirees to last year's banquet. Juli Powers reported that Dr. Williams said the retirees will be handled by Mrs. Sowell's office.

- Meet/Greet fundraiser – The possibility to host a fundraiser to pay for the TOY banquet was discussed. Polly Atkinson suggested that the forum host an event for teachers/school officials to meet politicians.
- Teacher Cadets – Polly Atkinson asked the forum to brainstorm ways that we could encourage teacher cadets to pursue teaching as a career. Susan Alford shared with the forum that the Teacher Cadet grants were not funded this year and she has used this money to bus students to the College Fair at Winthrop each year.
- Induction Teachers/Swap Shop – Frances Patterson explained the purpose of the Swap Shop for Induction teachers. She invited the forum to attend and share ideas on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.
- Instructional Fair – Frances Patterson discussed the possibility of the forum hosting an Instructional Fair for the district next school year. She gave Polly Atkinson a “how to” handbook to guide us if we choose to plan this event.

#### VII. 2:15-2:30 Future Meeting Dates

- Our next meeting will be November 12, 2009 at the District Office from 12:30-2:30.

Members absent: Dawn Coker-Rayfield (conference)  
Braber Spell (conference)  
Christy Woodward