

Chesterfield County School District
Teacher Forum Meeting
November 15, 2007

- **Welcome** – Nancy Plyler welcomed everyone to our third meeting
Dr. Williams stopped by to clear up a few questions forum members had.
What activities should teachers be doing on early dismissal days?
He stated that he thought grade level planning, parent conferences, working on academic plans, inservices if needed at your school, Etc.....
He said that he would relay the message to the principals. When asked about sending the principals something in writing. He said that would work , too.
He would like to have the calendar done by January this year if at all possible.
He said that he had gotten the committee reports in the Spring. They will be presented to the board in January.
He thanked the forum for all that they do and had to leave for another meeting.
- **Lunch and fellowship** – Forum members enjoyed a lunch of subs, chips, cookies, and tea.
- **Icebreaker-** Members played People BINGO where they had to mix and mingle to find peers who could do certain things. The first couple of people who got BINGO won a small prize.
- **School Board Report** – Patty Fisher gave a report on the board meeting held November 12, 2007
- The American Cancer Society presented a plaque of appreciation. Chesterfield County raised \$57,000 for Relay for Life.
- The board congratulated high school football teams for successful seasons and high school bands for state competitions.
- The board congratulated McBee Future Farmers of America. Twenty-one members attended the National convention with their sponsor, Pat Earle.
- Bus Drivers need clarification with timesheets. The board will study the timesheets for the different jobs they perform and help find solutions so pay checks reflect actual time worked. Many bus drivers were present and appreciated the Board's response to their request.
- The Technology department requested a revision for a technology position. The request involved changing a temporary position with no benefits to a full time position with benefits. The Board approved using grant revenues to fund benefits for this.

- First Steps 4k program (Giggles and Wiggles) requested busing the students on county buses for 10 children's families who can not provide transportation. The board approved picking up children if not a financial burden or a problem with existing routes.
- Candace Hoffman and Sandra Redfearn presented a slide show outlining Adequate Yearly Progress at the area high schools.

- **Reports from PeeDee Teacher Forum Meeting and SC Regional Teacher Forum Meeting –**

Nancy Plyler and Patty Fisher attended the PeeDee Teacher Forum meeting on October 22, 2007 at Francis Marion University. They reported that their forum is working with Superintendents, School Boards, and people involved with the Mentoring process on cutting out unnecessary paperwork. A lot of the Induction and PACE paperwork seem to be overlapping. They are in the process of finding out how each school district handles this.

Plyler and Fisher attended the SC Regional Teacher Forum Meeting in Camden on November 1, 2007. Ann Marie Taylor, the SC Teacher of the Year spoke. She presented each member with a flower pen she had made and challenged them to present it to someone at their school who shows leadership qualities and ask them to do the same in return and help other leaders to “grow” at their school.

- **Tidbits for Teachers** – Members turned in their words of wisdom, words of encouragement, or helpful advice. These will be bound and put together to present to the New teachers to our school district in January.
- **Calendar Work** – Plyler gave each member a folder with copies of the three calendars we developed at our last meeting and some sample calendars from other districts. Members were asked to discuss what they liked/disliked about the calendars and develop new ones if they wished. Members were asked if they would like to schedule a meeting in December to choose two calendars or get copies of all the developed calendars to look over and respond by email their top 2 choices. Everyone wanted email. The top 2 choices of the Teacher Forum will be presented to Dr. Williams and if approved will be presented to the faculties for voting.

Next Meeting: January 24th, 2008