

FORUM AGENDA – September 26, 2016 (4:15-5:05 pm)

Central Office Conference Room A

Attendance: Dr. Royster, Pam Mills, Kelly Nalley, Katie Saunders, Sandy Brooks, Linda Haynes, Lori Nelson, Shiree Turner Fowler, Anne Kelsey Zibert, Adam Scheuch, Jessica Rahn, Amanda Catherman, Brenda Kuhfuss, Heather Steading, Alice Bradley, Andi Buckless

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mrs. Nalley facilitated introductions of the group members.

Dr. Royster discussed the purpose and role of the Teacher Forum in Greenville County Schools. He opened the table to questions from the group. A brief summary of questions and answers follow:

- Filling long term substitute jobs can be challenging. Can long term substitute jobs be listed on the human resources page of the district website?
 - That should not be a problem. We will talk with HR tomorrow.

- Will Teacher Forum be given a chance to provide additional feedback as the district continues its search for a new benchmarking assessment program?
 - Yes. The Mastery Connect (TE21/Case21) program is currently being piloted in 5-7 schools across the district. Jeff McCoy will bring updates to the forum as they are available.

- What are the requirements for the Read to Succeed teacher endorsements for educators K-12?
 - Please check your requirements for teacher preparation based on your individual certification at <http://ed.sc.gov/educators/certification/certification-resources/read-to-succeed-requirements/>

- Are there any updates on online testing for SCReady and SCPass?
 - The district is working on a waiver to excuse schools from taking the SCReady Reading test online.

2. Review Forum Bylaws

Mrs. Nalley reviewed the forum bylaws at the end of this document:

- Calendar
- Purpose and Structure
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Membership

3. Forum Calendar Events

Mrs. Nalley and Mrs. Zibert briefly discussed the following forum events:

- Fall and Spring Workshop: Discussed the fall and spring workshop agenda items
- iTech Future Educator Conference: Gave an update on conference; signed up for volunteer spots; volunteer sign up will be posted on Teacher Forum Google Drive
- Website / Teacher Voices: Mrs. Zibert provided an update of the website; signed up for Teacher Voices blog guest posts; still looking for 2-3 more guest posts/let Anne or Kelly know if you are interested
- Voter Outreach: Looking for ideas to encourage GCSD employees to vote on November 8th
- Scholarship Fundraisin: Planning to raise money for a Teacher Cadet scholarship through the GCSD Foundation; first fundraising event will be online sales of the iTech Conference t-shirts; t-shirts will be available in most school colors, the logo will read "iTech. What's your superpower?", the GCSD logo will appear on the back of the t-shirt

4. Closing

2016-2017 Calendar

Monday, September 26– Central Office Conference Room A (4:15-5:15 p.m.)

Leadership Council

Welcome and Overview

Tuesday, October 4 – KROC Center (12:00-3:00 p.m.)

Full Teacher Forum

Fall Workshop

Friday, October 14 – Mauldin High School (9:00-2:00 p.m.)

Full Teacher Forum and Volunteers

iTeach: Future Educator Conference

Monday, November 28 - Central Office Conference Room A (4:15-5:15 p.m.)

Leadership Council

District Updates

Monday, January 23 – Central Office Conference Room A (4:15-5:15 p.m.)

Leadership Council

District Updates

Monday, February 27 – Central Office Conference Room A (4:15-5:15 p.m.)

Leadership Council

District Updates

Thursday, March 30 – MTA Conference Room A&B (12:00-3:00 p.m.)

Full Teacher Forum

Spring Workshop

Monday, April 24 – Central Office Conference Room A (4:15-5:15 p.m.)

Leadership Council

District Updates

Monday, May 22 – Central Office Conference Room A (4:15-5:15 p.m.)

Leadership Council

Member Recognitions, New Member Welcome, and End of Year Updates

Greenville County Teacher Forum – For Teachers, By Teachers

Purpose:

The Teacher Forum will exist to promote and support four core tenets of educational professionalism:

1. Advocacy
 - a. Professional Awareness
 - b. Pre-Service, Novice, and Veteran Teacher Support
2. Leadership
 - a. Professional Development Support
 - b. Leadership Opportunities
3. Communication
 - a. Central Office Leadership
 - b. District Staff
 - c. Community
4. Outreach
 - a. Government
 - b. Business
 - c. Community

The Leadership Council of the Teacher Forum will meet to plan and work on initiatives and events that support the core tenets of the entire Teacher Forum.

Structure:

Leadership Council Meetings

Teacher Forum Workshops

Special Audiences - Educator Conferences and Special Events

Role, Responsibilities, and Membership:

District Office Liaison – Appointed by District Superintendent from Central Office Staff

Functions as Liaison between the Teacher Forum and Central Office Leadership

Teacher Forum Leader – Appointed by Superintendent from Teacher Forum Membership

Functions as Coordinator of Logistics, Planning, and Membership of the Teacher Forum and Leadership Council

Teacher Forum Chairperson – Immediate Past District Teacher of the Year

Works with the Teacher Forum Leader to Coordinate Teacher Forum Events and Initiatives

Teacher Forum Membership – Current School Teachers of the Year and Leadership Council

Participate in Full Teacher Forum Events

Teacher Forum Leadership Council –

Immediate Past District Top Ten Teachers of the Year (10)

Current Top Ten District Teachers of the Year (10)

Honorary/Ex-Officio Members – Previous District Teachers of the Year to Include DTOYS from other districts

At Large Members – 10 Previous Leadership Council Members Elected Annually

Plan and serve in various capacities to promote and support Teacher Forum activities and events