

School Governance Council Minutes

January 6, 2016

Members in Attendance: Garrett Abelkop, Tim Corrigan, Francesca Dellasala, Scott Doll, Deborah Fulghum, David Harris, Najuana Lee, Tim Reeder, Kathy Smith, and Charles Thomas. 6 voting members present of 9 possible voting members. Others in attendance: Katie Rossino, Camille Christopher.

Meeting was facilitated by Deborah Fulghum, and it was called to order at 3:55.

David Harris made a motion to approve the agenda; Tim Reeder seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Deborah Fulghum asked for any changes to the minutes from December 2nd. Najuana Lee made a motion to approve the agenda with changes; David Harris seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Principal Report

Tim Corrigan presented his report. He discussed a few changes to staffing: one member of the math department retired and her replacement has been recommended for hire, a TAG teacher resigned and her replacement has been hired (AP social studies), a TAG teacher (math) will retire in February and we are currently looking for her replacement. Additionally, he provided updates on the building:

- The furniture order is still in process.
- The construction for the college classroom has gone out to bid twice and we haven't received any bids. It appears the project is too small for a commercial company. The county has given us permission to engage a single source construction company.
- The remodeling process for the media center remodel has not gotten underway yet.

He hopes to have a preliminary budget to present with David Harris and the budget committee for next year at the February meeting.

Personalized Learning Committee Update

Camille Christopher and Katie Rossino from the Personalized Learning (PL) team presented on their progress. The committee has completed work on the Personalized Learning, Professional Development, and Communications plans and they have all been approved by the county, so the next step is recommending a device.

Katie presented information on PL, emphasizing that this is intended to provide support to students when needed, not to replace teaching. They are focusing on three strategies: varied strategies, master based assessments, choice for demonstrating learning. The options for devices are Apple iPad Air 2,

Google Chromebook II, Dell Latitude II Education, and Microsoft Surface 3. All have the capacity to use online textbooks, and all will be able to do the online testing (EOCs).

The selection committee, which includes parents, students, teachers, and administration, will meet on the 19th to complete a simulation on the devices and score each on four criteria: fit with instructional model, compatibility with digital resources, ease of use, and universal design for learning. This will serve as the basis to make the final recommendation which they will present to the SCG on February 3rd to receive approval to continue the process.

After the device is selected, the committee recommends putting the devices in the hands of the teachers first, ensuring they are comfortable and trained and then issuing devices to the students in August. Students will be issued devices similarly to textbooks (on a yearly basis). They have a robust plan for support for both teachers and students.

Some projected concerns that might have some additional cost will be getting charging stations.

New Assistant Principal Hire

David Harris reported that the hiring committee had interviewed three strong, potential candidates (two from Fulton, one from outside the systems) and rated and provided feedback to Tim Corrigan. Tim feels confident that the hiring process will be done by the end of January. The candidate needs to meet with area superintendents before going to the board for final approval.

Seed Fund timing and updates

The Seed Fund proposal was modified slightly to include a contracted, part-time resource to help oversee roll out which reduced the cost by roughly \$40,000.

- Fulton Education Foundation reviews all applications in early January
- Invitations to Q&A session delivered by January 25th (if we don't get an invitation, that means we did not get a Seed Fund)
- Q&A sessions (no presentation) on February 8th which would be just for the Foundation leaders if we get this far
- Decisions on funding made sometime after the Q&A sessions

Provided that we are asked to the Q&A session, at our next meeting we will prepare.

Future SGC members

The communications team needs to meet to discuss plans to encourage parents to run for the positions which will be vacated in the Spring. We will have two parent positions coming open this year.

Upcoming

Superintendent Parent and Community council meetings should be sometime this month; Scott Doll and Charles Thomas will forward minutes and provide a short update.

Announcements and Adjourn

Scott Doll made a motion to adjourn. Charles Thomas seconded it; the meeting adjourned at 5:00.

Our next meeting will be on February 3, 2016, in A101 at 3:55