

School Governance Council Minutes

February 3, 2016

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

Meeting was facilitated by Deborah Fulghum, and it was called to order at 3:52.

David Harris made a motion to approve the agenda with one modification (move the PL committee report first); Dr. Lee seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Charles Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda with submitted changes; Tim Reeder seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Personalized Learning Committee Update

Katie Rossino from the Personalized Learning (PL) team presented on their recommendation for a device following the committee's evaluation/device simulation. The simulation evaluated the available devices (Apple iPad Air 2, Google Chromebook II, Dell Latitude II Education, and Microsoft Surface 3) using a score sheet that she shared with the members of the council. Following the simulation, the results were: the Ipad came in 4th; Latitude, 3rd; Chromebook, 2nd; the Surface 3 came in first.

Deborah Fulghum reviewed the list of required steps for selection, and affirmed that all of them have been met by the PL Committee at Chattahoochee. Garrett Abelkop made a motion to approve the device recommendation; Najuana Lee seconded it and it passed unanimously.

Principal Report

Tim Corrigan presented his report. Our projected enrollment for next year is 1913 (down 30 from this year). We won't receive the budget for another week and a half from the district. Teachers are finishing the recommendation process. Virtual enrollment is having an impact on our numbers in the classes. The district has been paying to take these classes on line, but that model is becoming unsustainable. Going into next year, the district will fund 200 enrollments for online classes per semester. Anything beyond that, the school will have to pay for. This year, we had 345 enrollments; the district projects there will be growth in online course enrollment overall. In order for us to budget properly and have the money set aside to pay for any online seats, we won't be able to offer students the same flexibility in August to drop a class and just take it online (last year there was an increase of enrollment in these classes by a factor of 8 the first 10 days of the school year). Students will need to be enrolled in online classes as part of the course registration in the Spring. The budget committee will be reviewing the numbers.

Mr. Corrigan then introduced Dr. Michael Todd, our newest Assistant Principal.

Dekalb Office furniture has lost one of our purchase orders for the second classroom, but they have assured us these classes will be set up in the next few weeks.

Lastly, Mr. Corrigan reported on the professional development (PD) efforts outlined in our strategic plan; we did execute a school-wide problem based learning (PBL) activity in the fall. We will be moving forward on providing some PD on interdisciplinary lessons in the next few weeks, followed by additional PBL PD in the departments.

Seed Fund Questions

Camille Christopher reported on the Disney Youth Education Series which would be provided to help develop student leaders as part of our student advisory initiative. She presented the options available; there are two sessions that are most related to leadership. David Harris has included costs for this, bus, and hotel in the seed fund proposal.

The group reviewed the seed fund questions that have been presented to us by the Seed Fund Committee and discussed suggestions for how we will address them at the upcoming Question & Answer session. Mr. Corrigan, David Harris, and Deb Fulghum will present.

Deborah Fulghum suggested that the project consider ways we can add something back to the teachers' plates (extra planning time?) in exchange for the time they will be giving to serving as advisors.

Update from Communications Committee

The committee will be meeting prior to our next meeting to move forward on preparing for elections for next year's SGC.

Budget Committee Update and Meeting Change for March

We will be moving our next meeting to March 9 to accommodate budget vote. We need a quorum (6) for the vote. All SGC members need to complete the online training send out in the email from the county. Dr. Lee and David Harris are going to the face to face training as well. The Budget process opens Feb. 16th; principals will get training and then the Budget Committee will work on/review a proposed budget to presents to the SCG for sign off/approval. March 11th is the date for high schools to present preliminary budgets to the district.

Report on Parent/Community Council Meetings

Charles Thomas and Scott Doll presented on their meetings at the parent/community meetings with the Superintendent. At these meetings, the district members discussed:

- The response to the recent early release for snow days (the consensus seemed to be that parents appreciated knowing a day ahead to be able to make plans).
- The district is exploring ways to reduce the amount of required, standardized testing on students.
- The "pay for performance" initiative which isn't imminent.

Also, Charles Thomas learned that the district has two full-time grant writers who are available to work with schools. Each school is supposed to have a grant representative, something we need to look into further (we will discuss at our next SCG).

Announcements and Adjourn

Scott Doll made a motion to adjourn. Andy Thomas seconded it; the meeting adjourned at 5:21.

Our next meeting will be on March 9, 2016, in A101 at 3:55