

School Governance Council Minutes

August 5, 2015

3:50 to 5:18

Members in Attendance: Garrett Abelkop, Tim Corrigan, Scott Doll, Deb Fulghum, David Harris, Nikki Lee, Tim Reeder, Kathy Smith, and Charles Thomas. 8 voting members present of 9 possible voting members; both newly elected and formerly elected. Others in attendance: Kina Champion, Karen Lange.

Meeting was facilitated by Deb Fulghum and it was called to order at 3:50. Tim Reeder made a motion to approve the agenda; David Harris seconded it.

David Harris made a motion to approve the minutes from May 13, 2015 meeting and Nikki Lee seconded it.

Deb introduced our new interim principal, Tim Corrigan, Kina Champion, and the newest SGC members (Garrett Abelkop, Kathy Smith, Charles Thomas). Nikki Lee was appointed in place of Julie Gracey on our board.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Corrigan presented his report. The construction has been done on time; we are still awaiting the full occupancy of our CBI wing.

Three strategic initiatives from the county

1. Rolling out professional development for Strategic teaching (introduced at the Summer Summit). Kathy Smith is our school's Professional Learning Facilitator.
2. Equal Opportunity Schools – using a College Board grant to increase the diversity of the AP population.
3. Personalized Learning - rolling out the 1-1 devices with help from a group from Kennesaw State. We will have four devices from which to select presented by the county and have established a team of faculty to oversee this.

A candidate has been put forth for approval to the board to fill the vacancy for the assistant principal. Currently, we have a substitute in for Mr. Corrigan's position as he serves as interim principal.

We are no longer going to do class ranking locally and it will be communicated out to the staff.

Election of officers:

Nominations were put forth for officer positions as follows: Deb Fulghum, Chair; Charles Thomas, Co-Chair; Kathy Smith, Parliamentarian. Garrett Abelkop made a motion to approve these positions, Scott Doll seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

It was decided that the Outreach Committee will consist of Garrett Abelkop (chair), Scott Doll, Kathy Smith, and Charles Thomas.

The Budget Committee will consist of David Harris (chair), Nikki Lee, and Tim Reeder.

Tim Corrigan made a motion to approve the committees and chairs as proposed; David Harris seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Corrigan will be meeting with a potential Community member for the SGC later in August.

Kina Champion reviewed the typical steps involved in Principal selection. The county creates a school profile using a survey and focus groups of parents and teachers, once it is created, the Area Superintendent and Area Exec Director use it to match to the list of candidates in the leadership pool. Up to four candidates are then invited to a panel interview that typically includes SGC member. There can be a direct appointment. In that case, no further work is needed.

Seed Fund allocation update

Deb gave an update on construction for the Programming, Games and Apps (PGAS) classes/pathway. Staffing has been put in place for the classes. The plan is to have a nontraditional, more cutting edge computer lab. The Xboxes were ordered but will be returned as we have planned to go more with computers. The plan is to have the lab up and running this semester.

The lecture style class is going to bid and we hope to have it ready for second semester. It will cost a bit more as we need two exit doors due to the number.

Budget Committee –There will be a budget review after the 10 day count, and the budget committee will meet.

Review of the Goals of SGC this year:

RFFs (Round 1 due 8/31/ Round 2 due 9/21), recap on seed funds

Ideas for possible RFFs for next year:

- Adopting more classes (or a pathway) from a curriculum from the Georgia DOE called Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications. Nikki will be looking at this. It would build on what we are starting with our PGAS and really set ourselves apart.
- Some students are afraid to take elective classes as they might negatively impact their GPA. We would like to explore the option to offer elective courses as pass/fail – you get the credit hours, but don't get a numeric grade that might impact standings. Tim Reeder will look to see if this is possible, if it requires an RFF (how it might affect FTE).

We do have some professional development needs, and we might want to ask for extra training days as an RFF; we may want to ask for some seed funding for additional training for staff.

- One-to-one device training for teachers
- As part of our work to improve touchpoints for counselors consider how to teachers trained as advisors (much like YMCA trains their counselors) who help with counseling touchpoints.

We would like to change the RFF to reflect that there is only one season needed for JV participation to get credit instead of two.

Upcoming RFF training dates: 8/19 and 8/25. The three new members should complete before the next meeting.

Dates for upcoming meetings First Wednesday of every month at 3:50 in A101. On the SCG site for the county there is a list of all other dates required by the county.

Our next meeting will be September 2nd.

The meeting adjourned at 5:18.