

# School Governance Council Minutes

August 10, 2016

**Members in Attendance:** Tim Corrigan, Dilip Tunki, Nicki Lee, Matt Mihordea, Dorsey Sammataro, Andy Anderson, and Kathy Smith. 6 voting members present of 9 possible voting members.

Meeting was facilitated by Tim Corrigan, and it was called to order at 3:56.

Matt Mihordea made a motion to approve the agenda; Clarence Thomas seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Clarence Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 11 meeting with no changes; Dilip Tunki seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Introduction of newest SGC members**

Matt Mihordea – Teacher Representative; Dorsey Sammataro – Teacher Representative; Dilip Tunki – Parent Representative; Holly Bonvissuto – Parent Representative.

## **Principal's Report**

Mr. Corrigan reported that we are presently at 1948 students. We may receive funding at the 10 day count for one for FTE teacher that can be used to further even out classes as needed, but we are in good shape. Maximum class size is 35, but most are in the high 20s. We hired 13 new teachers this year.

At the administrative team retreat this summer, . We are in our 26<sup>th</sup> year, and the administrative team took a look at our vision and mission statements at their summer retreat and revised and updated them. The vision, our guide in making decisions, is: To create a community where everyone loves to learn, work, and serve. Our mission is: To lead students to their full potential through excellence in academics, arts, athletics, and service. Our new motto is *Luceat Lux Vestra* (Let Your Light Shine).

## **Seed Fund Allocation Update**

We received \$50K in seed funds for advisement, and we have established two core groups of student and teacher leaders in which to invest. The first is Hooch Leads (our student leadership development programs) and the second is the Hooch Cares program (the students/teacher groups to provide enhanced advisement).

With Hooch Leads, we are partnering with WE Schools for our leadership program. We will be adopting one local and one global initiative to invest our time/treasure/talent. We have not yet selected these, but students and staff are proposing some for us to adopt. The WE partnership will be \$13K, and the remaining funds will be towards stipends and expenses.

For Hooch Cares, the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade “homerooms” will be advisory models with smaller groups of students, led by student advisors. They will meet two days a week and our hope is for the teachers and students to serve as intentional mentors for these kids. The upperclassmen will not meet as often, but the administration will be offering enrichment programs during advisement throughout the year. Our first such speaker spoke on Tuesday to the whole school. Reggie Dabbs speaks to 1.5 million high school kids a year and talked to our students about persistence, reminding them that “you aren’t alone.”

G125 (stadium seating!) is complete; just needs to be painted.

### **Election of Officers**

Chair – Mr. Corrigan nominated Kathy Smith; Nikki Lee seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Co-Chair – Mr. Corrigan nominated Holly Bonvissuto; Kathy Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Parliamentarian – Kathy Smith nominated Matt Mihordea; Dorsey Sammataro seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Outreach Chair – Kathy Smith nominated Charles Thomas; Mr. Corrigan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Budget Chair – Mr. Corrigan nominated Dilip Tunki; Charles Thomas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Budget Committee – Budget Review**

No items from the summer but completion of Seed Fund projects for 2015-16. We do plan to have a ribbon cutting this fall for the DesignIT and College Style lecture room

### **Goals for SGC this year**

We will be completing a new strategic plan for the school this year.

Our first deadline is to submit any RFFs to the county by Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. Some ideas discussed included asking for a graduation requirement of some service hours, some flexibility from the Code of Conduct to address honor code, especially with our new devices, creating AP classes that would be geared towards struggling students and provide more support, requiring some kind of high school physical science credit for graduation (conceptual physics). It was agreed that we would take some time in the next two weeks to investigate and make final recommendations for a vote at the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We discussed potential Seed Fund request ideas to find some ways to help students learn to become more innovative – perhaps trying to become a STEAM school. (It is a problem-based, project-based focus on education) or I-Design at Mt Vernon.

### **Adjournment and Next Meeting**

Dilip Tunki made a motion to adjourn; Nikki Lee seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 5:02.

**Dates for Upcoming Meetings**

September 7 at 3:50 in A101