

# School Governance Council Minutes

January 10, 2018

**Members in Attendance:** Tim Corrigan, Margaret Garth, Matt Mihordea, Maria Soriano, Ben Salba, Deborah Blount, Dilip Tunki, Kyleigh Slocum, Abby Swiger, Niranjan Ramasekaran; 7 voting members present of 8 possible voting members.

Meeting was facilitated by Margaret Garth, and it was called to order at 3:55 PM.

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

Kyleigh Slocum made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2017 meeting; Ben Salba seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Reviewed Meeting Norms**

### **Greenhouse Update**

Garrett Abelkop gave an update. Fulton County has given approval for the project to go out for bid. The process had been delayed by Fulton County's tax digest issues last year. It will be out on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 for 30 days. Our school can monitor the bids. We will select a bid and that bid will go to the Fulton County Board for approval in March. After that we can break ground, provided that we have building permits. Construction could start in mid-April. The project should be finished early in the 2018-2019 school year. January 22nd is the date for the site visit.

### **Discussion Items**

- Discussion of the rough draft of our Strategic Plan – This has been sent to the county but it has not been reviewed yet. We anticipate to have notes back from the county next week. We will discuss changes at our next meeting.

Ben Salba suggested that we may be creating more work for teachers and administrators in the future with our proposed "extended induction program." A different suggestion is creation of an observation and assistance guide for teachers and administrators that identifies indicators of success in the classroom and shortcomings in the classroom. Data could be obtained using TKES.

Tim Corrigan stressed that we really need some sort of extended mentorship program by experienced and talented teachers for our newer teachers, not just first year teachers. Most teachers take time to become great, while many become discouraged in the first 3 years. We want support for these teachers from someone in a non-evaluative role. He envisions setting a period aside for a few talented teachers to do this all year long, so that it doesn't turn into something that is an additional stress.

- RFF ideas for Student Achievement – We will not submit an RFF because the RFFs we have already applied for will cover the changes we want, class size and class time.

We discussed the following proposals: (1) Giving the 7 extra points to honors/AP classes regardless of whether the student passes the class (2) Giving more extra points to AP classes than honors classes and (3) Overwriting students' grades in AP classes based on their AP Exam grade. After discussion, all 3 proposals were dismissed.

### **Principal's Report**

The hiring and spending freeze has been lifted. School supplies are in good shape again. Teacher contracts are coming out on February 5th. The science department is covering the missing teacher by current staff members teaching an extra period. Budget for the next year closes on March 9th.

Motion to adjourn by Maria Soriano, seconded by Deborah Blount at 5:15pm.

### **Dates for Upcoming Meetings**

2/7 3/7 4/11 5/2 at 3:50 in A101