

School Governance Council Minutes

October 5, 2016

Members in Attendance: Tim Corrigan, Kathy Smith, Matt Mihordea, Kyleigh Slocum, Dorsey Sammataro, Dilip Tunki, Andy Anderson, Harry Traub; 6 voting members present of 9 possible voting members. Scott Hetherington (school governance facilitator) also in attendance.

Meeting was facilitated by Kathy Smith, and it was called to order at 3:52 PM.

Dorsey Sammataro made a motion to approve the agenda; Dilip Tunki seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Matt Mihordea made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 7th, 2016 meeting with no changes; Kyleigh Slocum seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

School Governance responsibilities related to creation of the new school strategic plan

Scott Hetherington attended our meeting to bring us up to speed about changes happening to strategic planning calendar. 2016-2017 was supposed to be the year to write a new strategic plan for CHS (this happens on a 3-year cycle); however, the new strategic plan will be delayed 1 year. The superintendent has concerns regarding potential lack of vertical alignment within clusters as well as with the somewhat arbitrary assignment of cohorts which is used to dictate deadlines for creating these school plans. Fulton County Schools will be writing a strategic plan at the county level in the next year which will be passed on to the individual schools. This is intended to make scheduling of new strategic plans more straightforward and to harmonize goals and initiatives across elementary/middle/high schools within a feeder system. There are some specific issues that need to be looked at, among which is literacy of students upon entering high school.

Council expressed some concern that autonomy would be taken away from CHS (and other schools). Scott Hetherington reassured us that this will give the district the opportunity to help individual schools with strategic planning by offering data collection, gathering information from the community, climate surveys, as well as increased communication between elementary/middle/high schools. Next semester we will focus on gathering data and climate surveys.

RFFs were also discussed and how they align with the current strategic plan and the future strategic plan. The county had some questions regarding the high school physics graduation requirement RFF we submitted.

Seed Fund application determination and tasks

October 17th is the due date for the seed fund initial application. Scott Hetherington said that we need to look carefully at how our seed fund request is tied to our strategic plan. The budget template can be adjusted by the December deadline, but budgeting/contracting/procurement need to all be considered

after looking at several bids. Seed funds can't be renewed, but we can request more seed funds for related initiatives. The council agreed to meet October 12th at 3:30 pm to plan how to write our seed fund application.

Principal's Report

Mr. Corrigan sent a letter to the community regarding student protests at other area schools and the possibility of occurrence at CHS. He expressed his concerns and asked that student led political protests be conducted in such a way that the school day isn't disrupted. He also expressed his support for free speech among student led organizations. Regardless of national events and political unrest, CHS hasn't had any significant or overly vocal unrest among students on political matters. He remarked on the large numbers of political clubs at CHS that coexist and have positive interactions, while promoting constructive conversation.

Club day featured over 90 clubs available to students at CHS. Mr. Corrigan again expressed his gratitude to the teachers for the extra time they dedicate to supporting student extracurricular activities.

9 week progress reports will be available to parents online starting October 12th.

Our PTSA received the National PTSA Award.

CHS had a 1709 average SAT score last year (5th in the state).

Adjournment and Next Meeting

Harry Traub made a motion to adjourn; Kathy Smith seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 5:11PM.

Dates for Upcoming Meetings

November 2, 2016 at 3:50 in A101