

School Governance Council Minutes

November 1, 2017

Members in Attendance: Tim Corrigan, Margaret Garth, Matt Mihordea, Ben Salba, Deborah Blount, Dilip Tunki, Kyleigh Slocum, Abby Swiger; 6 voting members present of 8 possible voting members. Also in attendance, Lin Lee.

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

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

Kyleigh Slocum made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 6th, 2017 meeting; Deborah Blount seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Reviewed Meeting Norms

Discussion Items

Cross-council meeting dates and details – Several members attended a meeting for the Student Achievement Pillar. Two outcomes are required and the initiatives need to support those outcomes. Session 2 will be 11/15 at the Alpharetta Library and our representatives will be Kyleigh Slocum and Dilip Tunki and will cover the People and Culture and the Community Collaboration Pillars.

Discussion of strategic plan writing section – There is still some confusion as to how much of the writing process will be streamlined for us by the county. Right now this is mostly a draft writing process as we choose our two outcomes and we discuss our initiatives. December 18th is the due date for first draft. Final draft is due in January.

RFF ideas and update from last meeting – We discussed several possibilities for a different bell schedule with a late start one day a week or a 20 minute break two times a day. Mr. Corrigan will put together a committee involving SGC members and other teachers that will brain storm ideas and look at several possibilities. Student and teacher emotional health is a major concern as the growing competitiveness and list of requirements seems to grow every year. This was discussed at length and all committee members shared input on what we can do to improve the situation locally.

Seed fund update and ideas – We have been given \$80,000 (but funds currently frozen due to Fulton County Schools financial issues). Some of those funds may go into funding any deficiencies from the greenhouse project. Potentially some funds will be reserved for additional lunch space.

Principal's Report

Parent survey results – We received overwhelmingly positive results regarding how our parents view our school, facilities, staff, availability, and support. There is room for improvement in how we communicate assignments and grades to parents.

State of the school report – CCRPI scores come out tomorrow and they went down 0.7 (statistically insignificant). We're holding strong in every category and we are near the top of the district.

Budget update – Mr. Corrigan covered the current tax digest crisis for Fulton County Schools. Judge hearing will be 11-3-17. Fulton County Schools has been using reserves but may have to borrow money to keep up with paychecks until January (expected date for county to receive funds is January 15th).

Greenhouse Update

Dilip Tunki gave an update. The greenhouse will soon be out for bid for 30 days. We expect to have a bid by the end of the year and to start building in January.

Motion to adjourn by Ben Salba, seconded by Kyleigh Slocum at 5:17pm.

Dates for Upcoming Meetings

12/6 and 1/10 at 3:50 in A101