

School Governance Council Minutes

December 6, 2017

Members in Attendance: Tim Corrigan, Margaret Garth, Matt Mihordea, Maria Soriano, Ben Salba, Deborah Blount, Dilip Tunki, Abby Swiger; 6 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; Deborah Blount seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Deborah Blount made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 1st, 2017 meeting; Ben Salba seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Reviewed Meeting Norms

Welcome to New Member

Maria Soriano is a new member of SGC as a parent representative. Heather Kinsey resigned her position.

Discussion Items

Cross-council meeting dates and details – Dilip Tunki and Kyleigh Slocum attended session 2 on 11/15 for the People and Culture and the Community Collaboration pillars. For Community Collaboration, some of the discussion was centered around drug abuse, life lessons, emotional/mental wellness, and safety. For People and Culture, we are looking for something similar for the teachers. “Life Lessons Over Lunch” is an idea they are looking at, which is discussions or seminars over lunch time. We are planning an experimental session on eating disorders with a speaker from the Renfro Institute. “Chattahoochee Life Partners” is an idea for a mentoring program. This may be connected with “Hooch Cares” and other partners that would train students and teachers to be mentors. Another idea is to talk to athletes about being a “student athlete” and being leaders using coaches, business partners, mayor, etc. We’re also looking at finding a way to give students and teachers an hour-long lunch, to improve emotional well-being and morale. We will find ways to get data about the effectiveness of these programs via surveys and other methods. The need for teachers to be cared for in terms of practical aspects of their career was expressed, things such as health-insurance, retirement, etc. Another point was replacing suspension (ISS or OSS) with service to the community. Mr. Corrigan will write a draft of these two pillars.

Discussion of Strategic Plan writing section – Tim Corrigan, Margaret Garth, Deborah Blount, Ben Salba, Matt Mihordea, and Abby Swiger worked on the Student Achievement pillar and decided on Outcomes, Initiatives, Critical Actions, and Evidence of Progress. The focus was on two Outcomes: (1) Students will be challenged appropriately; students will master academic content and skills to be college and career

ready and (2) Increase the percentage of students who master interpersonal skills, as well as strengthen mental and emotional health, needed for college, career, and life success.

Fiscal Responsibility Pillar – The county has not submitted anything to work with yet. We do not need to submit this in January.

Principal's Report

A student is doing an eagle scout project to beautify the ARCH project.

We're investigating a scanning system to take roll. The system could be used for tracking students during hour long lunch activities or to create possibilities for a more open campus. The goal is to also improve attendance taking and to better track students who skip class.

Budget update – Tax money is slowly coming in and we anticipate the December payroll will be unaffected. We will have significant money to spend once the funds are released.

Greenhouse Update

Dilip Tunki gave an update. The project could not be out for bid yet due to the county financial issue. We are expecting the project to be out for bid in January, as the money comes in.

Motion to adjourn by Abby Swiger, seconded by Ben Salba at 5:10pm.

Dates for Upcoming Meetings

1/10 2/7 3/7 4/11 5/2 at 3:50 in A101