

School Governance Council Minutes

December 7, 2016

Members in Attendance: Tim Corrigan, Kathy Smith, Matt Mihordea, Kyleigh Slocum, Dilip Tunki, Holly Bonvissuto, Andy Anderson, Harry Traub; 6 voting members present of 9 possible voting members.

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

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

Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2nd, 2016 meeting with no changes; Holly Bonvissuto seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Principal's Report

CCRPI scores are officially released on December 8. Mr. Corrigan shared some data from the report. Our CCRPI score showed a large increase from 86.6 (last year) to 99.3 on the latest report. CHS showed significant improvement in almost every area. The Physical Science EOC showed especially high improvement. Other areas in which CHS excelled were our career tech and IT pathways. CHS also showed significant improvement in the achievement gap, with strong improvement in our ED, EL, and SWD students.

The administration is conducting research into what has led to such a dramatic improvement. Several different teaching strategies have worked but it seems that 1-on-1 time between teachers and students have led to some of the greatest improvements. Mr. Corrigan expressed his appreciation for the staff for putting in the time to make sure our students succeed, but expressed concern that 1-on-1 teacher student time is not sustainable on a large scale.

There are approximately two weeks left until finals. Students will have half days on the 3 final exam days.

Two surveys will be released to students in the coming weeks. One survey will gather information about struggling students and look for which methods work best for students to relearn material. The second survey will look at grading practices among the CHS staff.

RFFs and Seed Funds

There were no objections raised by the community to the professional development days RFF. Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the RFF submission to the county for 5.5 extra professional development days, Andy Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously. The RFF will be submitted by December 9th at 5pm.

Seed Funds

The Budget Committee met with the Fulton Country Schools architect during the previous week and the results of that meeting were discussed. The greenhouse structure would be built offsite and installed here, but the ground would need to be leveled, the concrete slab must be built, and utilities need to be installed. Because most of this work would happen during the school day, the committee decided it was best to hire a general contractor to facilitate this process and to make sure we are abiding by all city and county codes. The architect also informed us that in order for Fulton Country Schools to pay for monthly utilities on the greenhouse it must abide by Fulton County Schools building code. This means the facility must be handicap accessible, it will have proprietary locks, a fire alarm, and emergency system like all the other classrooms in the school.

A few questions were discussed regarding the Seed Fund Final Application and how the greenhouse project would help CHS with strategic plan alignment, how we will measure the effectiveness of the project, and any research predicting the effect of this project on the student population. Several ideas were discussed including our ongoing STEAM initiative, project-based learning, a focus on inquiry-inquiry based learning in science classrooms, and developing environmental consciousness in our students.

Meeting Times and Goals for Next Semester

The committee is planning a preliminary meeting with TRMS (feeder school) in anticipation of working with them next year as part of the upcoming county SGC initiatives.

The Seed Fund presentation and defense will be on January 24. CHS SGC will meet January 18 in order to prepare for this presentation.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

Harry Traub made a motion to adjourn; Andy Anderson seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM.

Dates for Upcoming Meetings

January 18 and March 8, 2017 at 3:50 in A101