

School Governance Council Minutes

February 8, 2017

Members in Attendance: Tim Corrigan, Kathy Smith, Garrett Abelkop, Matt Mihordea, Dilip Tunki, Holly Bonvissuto, Charles Thomas, Kyleigh Slocum, Andy Anderson, Dorsey Sammataro, Francesca Dellasala; 9 voting members present of 9 possible voting members. Also in attendance, Michael Todd, Liz Marinelli, Apurva Nemala, Sarah Dipasquale, and Selma Rafiq.

Meeting was facilitated by Kathy Smith, and it was called to order at 3:54 PM.

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

Holly Bonvissuto made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 7th, 2016 meeting with no changes; Charles Thomas seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Last Year's Seed Fund Update

The students spoke to SGC about the positive experiences they've had with the HoochLeads program and Me to We. Students said that it brought them more awareness about social issues such as mental health and stereotypes, it led to more open discussion among the student body about social issues, and the students felt that they received valuable leadership training. The students designed a "Stress Free Week" with different activities available during the school day to relieve student stress and they reported high participation and considered the program successful.

There was some concern about the number of students in the program decreasing over time. They are looking to recruit more sophomores and even freshmen via an application process. They are also looking to have more meetings during school time as opposed to after school in order to encourage students to remain with the program.

One issue that needs to be addressed is allocating more of the seed fund money to training students for service development and curriculum building. This will require an amendment to the seed fund. **Kathy Smith made a motion to approve a money transfer in the HoochLeads account from the curriculum stipend allotment to other contracted services (Me to We) allotment, Andy Anderson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

RFF Seed Fund Updates

The RFF for 5.5 PD days was approved. SGC again expressed their desire to allow the CHS administrative team to decide how many days will be used and when they will be used. The PSAT day was again mentioned as a possible half day. Concerns remain that if we were to use all 5.5 days it could cost the cafeteria as much as \$9000, in addition to transportation costs and other costs, for a total of roughly \$20,000 to the school. The admin team is dedicated to making sure we spend funds wisely and that the

PD time will be valuable to the teachers. There remains high interest in doing some vertical teaming with our feeder schools, especially TRMS, during the PD days.

CHS was approved for \$250,000 in seed funds for the construction of a greenhouse. This amount is \$71,000 less than the requested amount. We were not granted the requested funds for STEAM training, supplies, and contingency funds. However, the amount granted should fund the building of a professional level greenhouse that will be approved as educational space by the county. Funds will be distributed on July 1, but we can ask for some funds earlier than this date if we need them for the building project. The next step is to submit building alteration forms to the county as soon as possible, Garrett Abelkop, Kathy Smith, and Dilip Tunki plan on submitting this form in the next two weeks.

RFF and Seed Fund Proposals for 2017-2018

We had a brief introductory discussion in which Kathy Smith addressed all possible concerns and contingencies the committee could have.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

This meeting was adjourned early so that the Budget and Outreach Committees could meet. Kathy Smith made a motion to adjourn; Garrett Abelkop seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 4:29PM.

Dates for Upcoming Meetings

March 8, 2017 (joint meeting with TRMS) and April 12, 2017 at 3:50 in A101