

School Governance Council Minutes

April 11, 2018

Members in Attendance: Margaret Garth, Tim Corrigan, Matt Mihordea, Deborah Blount, Dilip Tunki, Holly Bonvissuto, Kyleigh Slocum, Maria Soriano, Abbey Swiger; 7 voting members present of 8 possible voting members.

Meeting was facilitated by Margaret Garth, and it was called to order at 4:00 PM.

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

Deborah Blount made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2018 meeting; Holly Bonvissuto seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Reviewed Meeting Norms

Discussion Items

- SGC Elections – Jamie Maxie was the only teacher to declare candidacy and was voted in. However, she will not come back to CHS next year. Mr. Corrigan will appoint Matt Sharp to replace Jamie Maxie. Abbey Swiger will be the senior representative, Anna Chung will be the junior representative.

Principal's Report

- Prom decisions – A male student and his boyfriend were nominated for Prom king, but they wanted to be able to win together and emailed Mr. Corrigan about it. Mr. Corrigan responded that the process will remain unchanged because Prom king and queen is not a couples' contest. Both students are able to be in the running for Prom king. Class counsel has had the same parameters for the entire history of our school, it has never been class couple. The students started a petition with Change.org and accused the school of discrimination. Mr. Corrigan did not talk to the press. The students reached out to the press and both CBS and FOX local affiliates picked up the story. The Fulton County Schools legal department looked at the situation and supported Mr. Corrigan's decision. As the press picked up the story, the students altered the petition to say that they are now looking to change the policy for the future. The students sent out another, competing ballot through Remind101 (the student who runs the Remind101 is the same student who started the petition) that has the voting options according to their preference. This was done without any approval from their sponsoring teacher or the administration.

- Budget update – There was some worry from the county about whether there would be enough tax revenue for next year and the county asked us to freeze two teacher positions, but the county lifted the freeze because we are in good financial shape as a county as of this month. 15 teachers will not be returning (out of about 200 staff members). We are almost fully hired for next year. CHS has had the

highest retention rate in the county for some years. We are hoping to be above our 85% goal for teacher retention.

- Possible scheduling suggestions for next year – The new schedule proposal (written by Garrett Abelkop) will have 3 lunches. All teachers and students will have a full period for lunch. We will have a 24 minute period for RTI, support, specialty homerooms, help sessions, etc. The new schedule is getting very strong support from the staff. SGC parent, community, and student members also gave strong support.

- 2018 – 2019 Release days – Matt Mihordea made a motion to accept for our professional development days the following dates: August 31, October 10 (half day), February 19, and March 12, Deborah Blount seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

- Follow up on Farrell research – After discussions and the survey, the recommendation is to tone down the advisement emphasis for next year. Recommendations are to have it for freshmen only or not at all.

Greenhouse update

- The project is ready to go to the school board April 12.

Motion to adjourn by Maria Soriano, seconded by Holly Bonvissuto at 5:00pm.

Dates for Upcoming Meetings

August at 3:50 in A101