

School Governance Council Minutes

August 9, 2017

Members in Attendance: Tim Corrigan, Margaret Garth, Matt Mihordea, Ben Salba, Deborah Blount, Dilip Tunki, Holly Bonvissuto; 6 voting members present of 8 possible voting members. Also in attendance, Garrett Abelkop.

Meeting was facilitated by Tim Corrigan, and it was called to order at 3:50 PM.

Margaret Garth made a motion to approve the agenda; Deborah Blount seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Matt Mihordea made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 12th, 2017 meeting with no changes; Margaret Garth seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Welcome and introduction of new SGC members

Margaret Garth is the newly elected teacher representative. Heather Kinsey is the newly elected parent representative, but was unable to attend this meeting. Ben Salba and Deborah Blount are the newly appointed teacher representatives. Tim Corrigan is currently consulting with a handful of student leaders and will confirm the new student representatives at the next meeting.

New officers elected

Tim Corrigan made a motion to appoint Margaret Garth as the new SGC Chair, Holly Bonvissuto seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Tim Corrigan made a motion to appoint Holly Bonvissuto as vice-chair for a second year, Deborah Blount seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Tim Corrigan made a motion to appoint Matt Mihordea as parliamentarian for a second year, Margaret Garth seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Standing committee members were assigned next.

Budget – Dilip (chair), Matt Mihordea, Margaret Garth, Ben Salba, Kyleigh Slocum

Outreach and Communication – Holly Bonvissuto (chair), Deborah Blount, Heather Kinsey

Principal's Update

Our school is slightly over-enrolled, as of today. We have 1966 students after the 3rd day count (1955 were projected). We may earn a few sections if the numbers stay high. English classes are larger than usual because College English enrollment is a little lower than in past years.

A student advocacy guidelines pamphlet has been published by our school. It includes a homework policy, academic best practices, and procedures for how students can self-advocate. Several teachers and parents have expressed approval and we are in the process of helping our students process the information provided.

AP score pass rate increased by 2% (93% pass rate schoolwide). We gave over 1700 exams to over 800 students, all increases from the previous year.

Due to the RFF written last year, our school will have schoolwide professional development days on August 31st, September 1st, October 11th (half day), and March 8th.

Meeting schedule for SY 2017-2018 determined

Our SGC settled on the following dates for our monthly meetings:

September 6
October 4
November 1
December 6
January 10
February 7
March 7
April 11
May 2

Seed Fund/Greenhouse update

Garrett Abelkop attended this meeting to provide SGC with an update on the greenhouse project. The process started with an architecture company (our school provided funds for this), and the first set of drawings will be delivered this Friday. The next step will be for the project to be approved at the next Fulton Schools board meeting, after which we will put the project up for bid for 30 days. Should we obtain a bid that is within our budget, the Fulton Schools board must approve the bid in order for it to be awarded.

We are expecting a building start time of January 2018. The money must be allocated by June 30 but we can apply for extensions. We need to analyze our plans and make sure that \$250,000 is achievable using the current project specs and architectural drawings so we get a bid under that price. We are anticipating that the entire project will be complete by May or June 2018. Some grants could be available to help us complete the full cost if it goes over budget.

Matt Mihordea is working with Fulton County STEM to get zoology and botany classes for next year or the year after.

New RFF proposals

Tim Corrigan briefly explained the RFF process. SGC members will do some research in their various departments regarding what teachers need. There is some consideration of a possible RFF regarding AP points adjustments. Our school administration is looking into whether adjustments to AP class extra points is even possible.

Strategic Plan Update

The Fulton County Strategic Plan 2022 was approved. It is built on 4 pillars: student achievement, people and culture, community collaboration, fiscal responsibility. Mr. Corrigan anticipates that our strategic plan will follow the county plan closely. Lower performing schools will receive more support from the county in a variety of ways. We need to decide "Outcomes," how we will measure that we've achieved something in each of these categories. We may do some parent surveys to get some input for our strategic plan.

Motion to adjourn by Deborah Blount, seconded by Margaret Garth at 5:03 pm.

Dates for Upcoming Meetings

Sep. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 10, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, Apr. 11, May 2 at 3:50 in A101 (if necessary)