

# School Governance Council Minutes

9/5/2018

**Members in Attendance:** 8 voting members present of 9 possible voting members. Mary Sweet (facilitator), Tim Duncan, Margaret Garth, Matt Sharp, Deborah Blount, Ben Salba, Abby Swiger, Anna Chung, Raj Srivastava, Dilip Tunki, Maria Soriano, Kamini Anand, & Michelle Levine were present.

Meeting was facilitated by Margaret Garth and it was called to order at 3:50 pm.

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

Michelle Levine made a motion to approve the minutes from the 8/8/2018 meeting with the addition of change to attendance; Matt Sharp seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

## Agenda Items

1. Committee Chairs
  - a. Communications & Outreach – Chair; Michelle Levine – unanimously elected
    - i. Deborah Blount
    - ii. Kamini Anand
    - iii. Margaret Garth
  - b. Budget – Chair; Dilip Tunki - unanimously elected
    - i. Tim Duncan
    - ii. Ben Salba
    - iii. Matt Sharp
    - iv. Maria Soriano
    - v. Abby Swiger
    - vi. Anna Chung
  - c. Principal Selection Committee
    - i. Margaret Garth
    - ii. Deborah Blount
    - iii. Matt Sharp
    - iv. Maria Soriano
2. Vacancies on SGC
  - a. Margaret Garth reached out to Inside Out (associated with North Point Church)
  - b. They will serve, just deciding who.
3. How is Chatt Time Going?
  - a. Purpose – create flexibility for students
  - b. Students seem to be warming up to Chatt time
  - c. Breaks up the day into manageable periods
  - d. Councilors – seems to be a good time to pull kids out of class

- i. Allows kids extra options with dual enrollment
  - e. Administration likes Chatt Time
    - i. Able to do drills
    - ii. Helps teachers with classroom pacing
    - iii. Able to have an assembly in the auditorium
    - iv. Class Meetings
  - f. Class Change time has been cut down
    - i. Few ill effects of that
  - g. Lunch has been a challenge
    - i. Staff duty coverage has been a challenge
- 4. Cross-Council Meeting Dates (9/25 6:30-8:30)
  - a. Ben Salba
  - b. Dilip Tunki
  - c. Maria Soriano
- 5. Election Day
  - a. Concern about safety and security
  - b. Election day will be a teacher work day
  - c. Teacher work day from the spring (March 8) will be a regular instruction day
- 6. Future RFF days
  - a. Current school year – approved for 3 ½ days to be used for teacher development
  - b. We must complete an RFF renewal to have the days again
  - c. Other RFF renewals must be completed by October 26
  - d. Professional Learning Days
  - e. Personal Fitness Waiver
    - i. Does not have to take Personal Fitness if a student is in a GHSA sport or marching band
    - ii. Goal: open other course selections
  - f. College Style Classes
    - i. Provide a larger class size
    - ii. Traditional collegiate lecture
  - g. Expanding Internship & Work Based Learning Opportunities
    - i. State of GA waiver
    - ii. Accelerated-based Learning/Modified Seat Time-modifies requirements
    - iii. Provides students with how credits would be earned and allow for more personalized learning
  - h. New RFFs may be submitted on a rolling basis
- 7. Student Death
  - a. Concerns about communication process
  - b. Counseling office presents Signs of Suicide (SOS) Curriculum to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students
  - c. Program: It's OK to Talk / Stomp Out the Stigma
  - d. Creating awareness of mental illness is important
- 8. Greenhouse

- a. Hope to be breaking ground in October
  - b. Accurate update at next meeting
  - c. Hope to be open in January
9. Seed Fund
- a. Approximately \$70,000
  - b. Must be tied to strategic initiatives

### **Principal's Report**

Mr. Duncan reported that:

1. Action Items – Student deaths in the future
  - a. Meet with student leaders
  - b. Discuss how to hold memorials
  - c. School needs to develop way to deal with student & staff deaths
  - d. Look at ways SOS is presented
  - e. We have received a lot of feedback
  - f. Students and parents will be included in steps going forward

### **Adjournment and Next Meeting**

Maria Soriano made a motion to adjourn; Matt Sharp seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45.

### **Dates for Upcoming Meetings**

10/3/2018 at 3:50 in A101