

# School Governance Council Minutes

September 6, 2017

**Members in Attendance:** Tim Corrigan, Margaret Garth, Matt Mihordea, Ben Salba, Deborah Blount, Dilip Tunki, Holly Bonvissuto, Kyleigh Slocum, Abby Swiger, Niranjana Ramasekaran; 7 voting members present of 8 possible voting members. Also in attendance, Mary Sweet, Ashley Garrison, Natalie Guillet (community member).

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; Holly Bonvissuto seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

Margaret Garth made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 9th, 2017 meeting with no changes; Ben Salba seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Introductions**

Abby Swiger will serve as a student representative. She is the Junior Class President. Niranjana Ramasekaran will serve as a student representative. He is the NHS President. Ashley Garrison was here from the district to help with grant writing.

## **Reviewed Meeting Norms**

### **Nominations for the superintendent's council**

Parent – Dilip Tunki

Teacher – Ben Salba

Community Member – Holly Bonvissuto

Cross Council Committee for the NELC needs some representatives from our school. The meeting will be 6pm September 20th at North Learning Center.

## **Discussion Items**

RFF Ideas and the Process – The RFF process will have an automatic form. It will be due in the winter and the spring after schools have strategic plans. Current RFFs may require reapplication, but that is still to be determined. The current Strategic Plan will continue for Fall Semester until our SGC has written the new Strategic Plan. Tim Corrigan would like to discuss a new survey to the community and students at the next SGC meeting. The research and development team at the county can send us help with this.

Suggestion for RFF – Students not testing during EOCs would have a study time and place, the option to go home, or they would have a half day. Milton HS has a similar RFF. Options were discussed and

students were asked for input. Margaret Garth and Tim Corrigan will look into how this RFF has been implemented at Milton HS. It was mentioned that we need to be sure about our testing schedule and that there has to be consistency from year to year in our testing schedule in order for a robust RFF to be written and successfully implemented.

Suggestion for RFF – Personalized learning Wednesday. Cambridge HS has a similar RFF. The suggestion is to have a late start for grades 10-12. 8am-10am would be PLC time. Due to transportation concerns, 9th graders would have a study hall, intramural sports, and enrichment programs. Tim Corrigan suggested sending someone to Cambridge to see how it works and to get feedback.

Seed Fund Ideas – Approximately \$70,000 may be available.

Grants – Ashley Garrison is Coordinator for Grant Development for FCS. She shared numerous resources, including mining for local resources, National Farm to School Network, several Georgia supporting partners, local Rotary Club, local gardening club, Keep Johns Creek Beautiful, Donors Choose (will match funds for STEM projects). She gave us a few suggestions about the process, including giving credit to companies, tweeting the Greenhouse Project out and advertising, the 501c3 requirement can be met using PTSA. Grant Development Workshops are scheduled soon and CHS will send a representative. She went over steps to becoming a Grant Champion. Though writing grants is an intensive process, FCS only needs us to use one grant approval form for the Greenhouse (\$5000+ needs to go to district).

### **Principal's Report**

The average salary this year is \$73000, including benefits and everything else. We've held back one teacher salary, Latin and Engineering are getting an extra section.

The end of September is the deadline for teachers to apply for PD funds. The release day on Friday was used in part for goal setting discussion, personal professional growth, PLC growth, and departmental growth goals. We are encouraging teachers to go to AP summer institutes even if they are not currently teaching an AP class due to substantial benefits for vertical teaming. CHS has \$30000 set aside for PD and no other school in FCS has set aside so much. Mr. Corrigan would like to make this a yearly goal. We have 1963 Students as of today.

We may be looking for a part time position to support students that need interventions. Response to Intervention (RTI) is a new initiative by the state. The county/state is currently under review for RTIs, so there are some processes that need to be looked at for CHS even though our school is not specifically under review.

ACT scores are up, the scores will be officially released tomorrow.

### **Determine Meeting Schedule for SY 2017-2018**

9/6 10/4 11/1 12/6 1/10 2/7 3/7 4/11 5/2

### **Greenhouse Update**

Dilip Tunki gave an update. There will be a small additional cost to match the brick of the Greenhouse with the School Building. The final drawings will be received tomorrow. By the end of October, we should have permits acquired. The next step is to put the project out to bid.

Ashley suggests to publicize when we break ground to attract sponsors.

Botany should be in place for next year. We believe the Greenhouse will be put to much more consistent use and its upkeep will be streamlined if it is tied to course work.

### **Strategic Plan Update**

The Strategic Plan will stay the same for Fall Semester. The county will hold sessions where our SGC members go in to write the plans. Planning sessions will be broken up over the 4 pillars. We can bring people that are not on SGC but they need to be accompanied by SGC members. They are requesting multiple people to be there for the writing sessions. Everything must align with the district Strategic Plan.

Motion to adjourn by Ben Salba, seconded by Kyleigh Slocum at 5:14pm.

### **Dates for Upcoming Meetings**

10/4 11/1 12/6 at 3:50 in A101