

NORTH SPRINGS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL  
Meeting Minutes: May 10, 2018, 4:30 - 6:00 pm  
NSCHS Media Center

Attending: M. Salpeter, C. Lupiani, T. Day, L. Dellaria, L. Edelman, S. Hanson, A. Wilson, S. Allen, S. Greb

**4:30 Opening - M. Salpeter**

- Action Item: Call to Order
- Motion to Postpone vote on Flexibility Funds Allocation and SGA Self-Assessment Results motion to approve - C. Lupiani, 2nd T. Day - passed unanimously
- Action Item: Approval of Agenda - Miriam requested that Agenda be adjusted to reflect motion to Postpone vote on Flexibility Funds Allocation and SGA Self-Assessment Results - motion to approve adjusted agenda - L. Delaria, 2nd T. Day, approved unanimously.
- Action Item: motion to approve April Meeting Minutes -T. Day, 2nd L. Delaria, approved unanimously.
- **Announcement:** The Governance & Flexibility Team will be hosting a district-wide school governance conference on Saturday, July 21st from 8:00am until 12:30pm at Georgia State University's Student Center East. This year's theme is "A Seat at the Table." Travis Day will be attending. Mr. Hanson not sure if he will be available to attend.
- Confirm/Change June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting date - M. Salpeter will email a poll to Governance Board Members to schedule a date for the June meeting.

**4:34 Discussion Item: Building Plans Update – S. Hanson**

- There was a Fulton County School Board Meeting on April 12 where a report was presented that included various possibilities that could be considered in determining what renovations could potentially be made to the North Springs Building. Each possibility was presented with a dollar value.
- If all possibilities were approved the total amount would be \$32 million. This number is in excess of the original SPLOST amount allocated to North Springs High School.
- David Knotts and Doug Carey indicated that the preliminary design reports had not been made available in time for review by the April 12 meeting. As a result, no recommendations or decisions were made.
- At the next school board meeting, Patrick Burke and the architect will make recommendations to the Board as to what they determine should be done.
- The School Assessment was redone and it showed many deficiencies in the North Springs Building as it currently stands. If all the recommendations represented by the \$32 million dollar renovation are completed, then the building will no longer have any inefficiencies. If they are not all done, the building will still not meet current standards.
- There is some question that if the renovation estimate exceeds 40% of what has been allocated by SPLOST, it may make more sense to build a new building
- A decision could also be made to borrow money form elsewhere in order to pay for the shortfall.

**5:00 Discussion Item: Visioning Process and Next Steps – M. Salpeter, S. Hanson**

In order for changes to be made for the 2019/2020 year, the Governance Board would need to present their decisions by the end of this summer

There is still much to discuss regarding the direction of North Springs and perhaps a summer deadline would not be realistic. There are many administrative and staffing issues that need to be decided and resolved in order to implement a new vision.

As we implement a new vision we would have to run current programs in parallel with the new requirements.

There was also discussion regarding dual enrollment and how it will impact our future students.

- Without adequate transportation students without their own cars would not have the same access to dual enrollment as students with their own transportation.
- School will be applying for a grant that would provide transportation to those students who needed to get from North Springs to the Dual enrollment campuses.
- Students would still have the same opportunities to take AP Classes even though Dual Enrollment was clearly becoming a priority.
- AP Classes would still be offered at North Springs.
- Counseling department must make students aware of the dual enrollment opportunities.
- It will be more realistic to plan the visioning process so that it could be implemented in the 2020/2021 school year.
- There was some Board discussion as to whether or not we could meet the summer deadline in order to implement changes for the 2019/2020 school year.
- SGC will plan to be working over the summer to keep the process and momentum going and to engage community members in the process, although the summer is a difficult time to schedule meetings.
- M. Salpeter made a motion that Governance Council would put together committees headed by Board Members and including community members to work on School Visioning. The process would start this summer, but would not be implemented until the 2020/2021 school year.
- L. Edelman seconded the Motion - the Motion was approved unanimously.

**Identify Committees**

- The following Committees were identified:
  1. Are our students well prepared for the careers of tomorrow? (Cam Lupiani, Scott Greb)
  2. What are other successful schools doing? (Sheri Allen, Lee Edelman)
  3. What is our community/feeder school looking for North Springs to do? (Miriam Salpeter, Scott Hanson, Alisa Wilson)
  4. CCRPI Impacts Next Steps (Scott Hanson and North Springs Staff Members)

**5:30 Discussion Item: No Place for Hate School Update – A. Wilson**

- Alisa Wilson reported that the Student Advisory Council (SAC) had attended a No Place for Hate Summit to discuss personal and social issues as they relate to Hate.
- The SAC brought some of the activities back to implement during Freshman Homeroom times.

- The SAC had an ice cream social with Students from Mt. Vernon where they shared ideas. The two schools plan on working on more programs together
- North Springs represents a microcosm of the Atlanta community and Mr. Hanson noted we would be supporting and participating in many ore programs like the one with Mt. Vernon.

#### **5:40 Principal's Update – S. Hanson**

- Counseling Department Planned Changes
  - The counseling department will physically be moved to the office suites near the cafeteria. This would make the counselors more accessible to students than their current location.
  - Counselors would no longer be assigned to students alphabetically by last name, but would instead be assigned to a specific grade. Once assigned that counselor would loop ad stay with that grade through their senior year
  - Carol Ciepluch's position is being replaced by a full time secretary for the Counseling Department. The secretary would be responsible for assisting counselors with scheduling appointments
  - Counselors will have designated office hours two days a month to meet with parents
- Testing results, as they are available
  - Science scores have increased since last year and Mr. Hanson attributes this in part to the work of the Math and Science coaches. At the time of the meeting, math scores were not yet available.

#### **5:50. YouScience Presentation - Scott Greb**

- **North Springs piloted a YouScience program in which 500 students participated in the survey**
- **The survey is used to help students determine where there strengths are and provide guidance when choosing career paths**

#### **5:50 Public Comment - none; no public in attendance**

#### **5:58 Discussion Item: Future SGC agenda items**

- Flexibility Funds Allocation
- Commitees
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#### **6:00 Adjourn**