

North Springs Charter High School

Governance Board Minutes

April 28, 2015

Members present: Betty Klein, Carolyn Dinberg, Shelly Michael, Rob Stein, Dove Walker, Mindy Binderman, Judy Roseman, Sandra Jewell, Irene Schweiger, Karen Allsteadt, Langston Michael, Carly Edlin, Seth Hochman, Anne Jean, Carrie Carreras, Jenori Burroughs, Cam Lupiani, Genoulia Johnson

Nonvoting members/liasons: Eddie Ruiz, Carol Ciepluch, Jody Reichel

Faculty/staff guests: Jamie McMahan, Hope Worrell, Valerie Jackson

Call to Order- Chair Betty Klein called meeting to order at 7:00am

Old Business- Approve Minutes- S. Jewell moved minutes from March 24 be approved; C. Lupiani seconded motion; minutes unanimously approved

Committee Reports-

Finance: R. Stein

Spending is on track, there will be a 5% carry over into fall semester

Parent Leadership Forum: S. Jewell

Focus of upcoming meeting will be parking; C. Dinberg will brief members on curriculum items and Academic committee agenda items

University Advisory: S. Michael

March 31 College & Career Expo very successful – committee helped with logistics and providing small group seminar; ACE Mentor banquet will be May 6

School Culture: C. Carreras

Will roll-out PBIS- Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies next fall; committee has met with Amy Dean and created 4 committees: 1. Celebrations, 2. Lesson plans focused on appropriate behavior, Spartan Bucks 4. Video expectations – reward doing the right thing to “flip the culture”, focus on being consistent; A. Dean will return for preplanning

Academic: C. Dinberg

Will prepare report of committee’s work and focus to include concerns about AP courses and balancing kids needs to stretch vs not being capable; plan to have meeting with counseling staff at end of May to discuss the Academies

SSEF: I. Schweiger

Thanks to all who supported the STEM program in March- able to raise money to support after-school programs; NS hosted TAG internship workshop for 30 students in mid-March to provide resume writing and interviewing support; SSEF supported North Springs’ *Chosen* program to help identified students with college application help on April 1 and April 15; mid-April JA and SS Chamber volunteers delivered financial literacy program to 10th graders; SSEF volunteer appreciation breakfast is May 7

PTO- J. Reichel

PTO volunteers painted trash cans, cleaned and renovated concession stands during Volunteering for a Better Sandy Springs; will be donating benches and finding donors to provide total of 7 outdoor benches for plaza and bus entrance; providing volunteers for AP proctoring; hosting teacher appreciation luncheon May 26; will be announcing recipients of 4- \$1,000 scholarships at senior honors night

Student reports:

C. Edlin- spirit club will support spring football scrimmage; girls' track is 31

L. Michael – elections for new SGA officers will be held during lunch; May 2nd- NS will be site of CAC Food 'n Fun Festival- canned food drive and battle of the bands, games etc

S. Hochman- congratulations – Seth will be next year's SGA president

Governance Council- M. Binderman

SGC will have meeting on May 13th after Forum meeting for strategic planning- 31 findings narrowed down to 4 outcomes that have to be student centered; looking at root causes and then developing short term goals that are narrow and focused to address the broad outcomes

Counseling Report: G. Johnson

Members of the counseling department attended today's meeting; 47 students are receiving waivers from the 26 credit policy needed to graduate at NSCHS.

Motion: made by J. Roseman with second by M Binderman: to approve awarding of diplomas to the students who have achieved 23 credits required by the state and FCS but not 26 credits required by NS

Motion passed unanimously; counseling hosted dual-enrollment day for GPC- over 40 students applied; Counselors will be distributing "golden tickets" to denote all obligations met to graduate; underclass honors night May 13; senior honors night- May 18

Principal's Report: Dr. Ruiz

New milestone testing will take place through May 7 with block schedule;

B. Klein and S. Jewell will do exit interviews with teachers

Principal's Mini Meetings- successful listening/feedback sessions

Master schedule- still trying to work out – teachers prefer teaching 5 out of 7 periods

Teacher Appreciation will be first week in May

May 2nd will have Ribbon Cutting before Food 'n Fun Festival

New Business

Community meeting for all parents, teachers, friends to meet with Patrick Burke to learn about SPLOSt and process for a new school for NS – May 19th @ 6pm in media center[120 townhouses and 4,300 approved new residential construction approved by City Council- need a large turnout

Meeting adjourned @ 8:15am C. Dinberg moved, S. Hochman seconded

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ciepluch- secretary