

North Springs Charter School Governance Council Meeting- Minutes

9/17/2015

4:30- Call to order by M. Binderman

Absences

E. Ruiz (Kimbrel in for Ruiz), Jenori Burroughs , Isaac Chamb, Carrie Carreras

Action Items- 4:35 pm

1. Approval of Agenda- Cam Lupiani made motion to accept agenda, Seconded by Irene Schweiger - Passes
2. Approval of Minutes from 8/27/2015- Minutes not available, we will approve at next meeting.
3. Approval of representative to Superintendent's Parent Council- nomination for Shelly Michael for council made by Irene Schweiger, Seconded by Cam Lupiani - Passes
4. Seed Fund representative- Motion from Irene Schweiger for Cam Lupiani to be the representative, seconded by Carol Ciepluch
5. Principals Report- Kimbrel
 - a. We looked at SAT scores. They have dropped. One idea is that there was a push for test prep in the past and not so much now. 50% of our students got 1 or 2 or AP test. This year students will take SAT early, so there is a push in LA classes.
 - b. Personalized learning.
 - c. Professional Development- sessions coming up
 - d. Junior and Senior class meetings tomorrow
 - e. Visiting group from China- Kimbrel passed out itinerary- looking for people to host personal dinners on Monday 10/5, and Wednesday 10/7

Discussion Items- 5:00pm

1. RFFs- we are waiting on feedback from Fulton County about the following RFF items:
 - a. Class Time Period
 - b. Physical Fitness Waiver
 - c. Class Size Flexibility
 - d. Early Release Dates
 - e. Course Credit Grade Promotion
 - f. Overnight Competitions
 - g. Certification- STEAM focus
 - h. Extend Counselor Time – Summer Hours for Counselors
2. Seed Fund- Mindy Binderman asked council to come up with ideas/suggestion for seed money, Must be directly tied to strategic initiatives

Suggestions:

- a. Music Studio Suggestion (S.Michael)
- b. Robotics lab (I. Schweiger)
- c. Re-vamp College and Career Center (Dr. Johnson)
- d. Bring extended day/credit recovery program (Dr. Johnson)
- e. Fund SAT prep class in schedule (S.Hochman)
- f. Bring counselors back in summer/reinstitute the 15 days (Dr. Johnson)
- g. Boot Camp for SAT- this idea did not make it to the plan
- h. Bring Sandy Springs struggling/accelerated students to NorthSprings to introduce them – is that seed fund proposal? This falls under 9th grade success rate.(Kimbrel)
- i. Bring a North Springs student to work- did not make the plan (Shelly)
- j. Diagnostic testing prior to students coming in (Ciepluch)
- k. Communication- do we need \$\$ to make our communication better? Website, App, Remind 101 App (student and teacher can communicate). A central communications system is needed. Maybe we do a seed fund proposal about hiring consultants to help us (C. Ciepluch).

Irene Schweiger opened up an invitation to the council to attend an event on 10/8- Principal at Drew Charter will be there.

Public Comments- 5:55

1. Comment about seed money ideas- Apply and ask “What will last through time?” The recording studio and STEAM studio will last.
2. Comment about seed money for communication-“ I don’t see what communication relates to. Science is all life science, not something like engineering. Recording studio idea is good. On the road program is good. Also like the diagnostic test to increase the level of student guidance. I have an example of a career test to help students.”

Seed Fund Discussion-6:00pm

Cam will do training for Seed Funding and then report back.

C.Dinberg- motion to establish a committee for seed funding. Second from I.Schweiger.

Binderman- Suggestion that we go on visits to schools like Drew, Gwinnett County School, Rockdale Career Academy, etc.

Do we need seed funding to research/explore opportunities for ideas? (Ciepluch).

6:05-Adjourned

Motion from Irene Schweiger to adjourn, Seconded by Carol Ciepluch

Meeting Adjourned