

## North Springs Charter School Governance Council Meeting- Minutes

10/15/2015

5:30pm- Call to order by M. Binderman

### Absences

Jenori Burroughs

Carolyn Dinberg

Carrie Carreras

Issac Chamb

### **Action Items:**

1. Approve Agenda- Irene Schweiger made motion to accept agenda, Seconded by Cam Lupiani- Passes
2. Approve minutes- Irene Schweiger made motion to accept minutes, Cam seconded- Passes
3. Public Comments

#### First Comment- Robotics/STEAM lab

\*Concern-We have not had sufficient time to talk about a lab, so suggestion to convene a committee to get work done on a lab

\* Recommendation- look at feeder schools and what they do in science and math

\* Recommendation- engage a Finance Committee with our initiatives

#### Second Comment- Feeder Schools

\*Recommendation- visit middle school with robotics labs so we can follow what they are doing

4. Principals Report- E Ruiz is traveling and will call in

### **Discussion Items- 5:37pm**

1. Feeder School Collaboration- M. Binderman would like to get feeder schools together. She heard that it would happen earlier but has not noticed any action.
2. Seed Fund- S Michael mentioned the necessity that seed fund application items tie to strategic initiatives. M Binderman suggested that any changes/additions to seed fund application will be send to C. Lupiani and C.Ciepluch by midnight on Sunday 10/18. They will then send the document out to the committee for input.

3. Principal's Report- Dr Ruiz joined via telephone/conference call. M. Binderman explained that seed app is due on Monday. She provided some questions for E Ruiz regarding the seed fund application. Ruiz asked C. Lupiani to send the application via Google Documents. He mentioned the FQA section of application. E. Ruiz has been touch with Fulton County for vendors and he will look at the budget. C. Ciepluch presented information from several vendors regarding desks, walls, chairs etc.

4. RFF Feedback- E. Ruiz found out more about RFFs. We got back feedback on only 2 RFFs. M. Binderman asked what's going on with the others that were submitted. E Ruiz provided information on each:

\*Class Time Period- more time needed for extra enrichment. Fulton County wanted more information about this RFF request. M. Binderman asked if this RFF needed for us to do 7 periods in the day. E. Ruiz responded no.

\*Early Release Days- E. Ruiz said this is a legitimate RFF, however, Fulton County is looking for more information to show what it is for.

\*PE Wavier- E. Ruiz thinks this one stays the same as in previous years.

M. Binderman said there is confusion about which submitted RFFs were passed. What required a wavier? She said we need something in writing regarding feedback on RFFS.

\*Class Size – E. Ruiz says Fulton County needs more information – where are we doing this now? Fulton County needs more information.

\*Course Credit Grade Promotion – 26 credits- E. Ruiz said there were some questions about graduation rate and the 26 credit requirement. E Ruiz changed the description of the RFF to read "Increase Credit Opportunities". He explained the increased credit requirement helps NS support the dual magnet program. E Ruiz also explained that the NS graduation rate has increased. Graduating with increased credits improves our rigor.

\*Certification for STEAM focus- we are not doing it now, should we wait? R Ruiz explained that we already waive certification in certain areas through GADC , so we don't need to write a waiver, it's already there.

\*Extend Counselor prep time- this should not be a waiver. The principal can handle that on his/her own. Ruiz has discretion to do on his own. No wavier needed.

\*Overnight competition- No need for wavier, as they are "Lock Ins"

5. Additional Items- M Binderman asked specific questions to E Ruiz concerning the Seed Fund App:

1. How many mobile screens are we looking for? Ruiz explained we should submit the seed fund application in phases due to the amount of money we are asking for. He is only looking at desks and chairs, i.e. \$200K, for 80 classrooms. M. Binderman explained we need a space consultant and teachers training on how to use the room space and furniture.
2. Personalized learning team- E. Ruiz mentioned a company, Education Elements, who is working with Kennesaw State University and the District to provide learning plans using space and personalized learning. C Ciepluch suggests reaching out to our personalized learning team at NS to loop them into implementing the seed fund plans.
3. Logistics( if we are granted seed fund)- Fulton County will move out old furniture. Furniture Company will move in new furniture.

6:30- Irene motioned to adjourn, Carol seconded- Passes