

**ROSWELL HIGH SCHOOL
Governance Council Meeting**

August 16, 2016

3:00 pm

Roswell High School Conference Room

Minutes

Council Member	Attendance
Chair: Jim Vitale	X
Vice Chair: Jeni Stephens	X
Parliamentarian: Jennifer Koon	X
Fred Barth	X
Lindsay Hasson	X
Jerome Huff	X
Josh Martin	X
Catharine Phillips	X
Lily Rubin	X
Amy Short	X
Ben Sutter	X

Meeting called to order: 3:05 PM

Approval of Agenda:

Added discussion of meeting times to agenda.

First: Phillips	Second: Barth	Approved unanimously
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Review of meeting minutes from last meeting.

First: Phillips	Second: Sutter	Approved unanimously
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Better Engagement of Student Members (Discussion)

Barth shared questions to ask them to help answer:

1. What are you favorite/least favorite aspects of RHS?
2. If you were King or Queen for the day, what would you change at RHS?
3. Is there a program/class that you or someone you know would like to see added or dropped?
4. If you had \$10,000 to spend at the school, how would you spend it?
5. Can you identify a group of students or a situation that RHS that could be better served?

6. With this pending roll out of 1:1 technology, are there problems that the students already perceive and that they could help us prepare for/avoid?

Principal's Community Appointee

Principal's community appointee still outstanding. Sutter to help Huff get this done.

Meeting Times

We're not supposed to meet during meeting times because SGC is voluntary and so members should not do volunteer work during their work day. As a result, we're supposed to move our meeting time.

A motion was made to change meeting times for SGC to 7:15-8:15 AM.

First: Sutter	Second: Martin	Approved unanimously
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Seed Fund Spending

Since technology is a big issue, the seed fund request was for additional technology enhancements for classrooms. We have the money in the account but haven't proceeded with spending yet. Huff to present at next department chair meeting then work with Megan Huss to get the orders placed.

Introduction of new student members upon their arrival:

Lindsay Hasson and Lily Rubin, co-presidents of student council

JROTC student representative will not be present today.

Presentation to students of how we plan to engage them.

RFF Suggestions (Discussion)

Proposals provided by Sutter and Short:

1. Foreign language teachers highlighted that we have a high number of students with Spanish as a first language who are required to take 2 years of the language anyway. In addition, these students may be struggling with another class and could use the additional time for remediation. Could we get a foreign language waiver for these kids? Foreign language is not required for graduation but is required for college admission.
2. Teachers proposed return to a 7 period day and resumption of 1-hour lunch. This allows for more time for teachers and less rushing for kids. Would this require an RFF? This could be a modified bell schedule with varied schedules for certain days of the week.
3. Counselors have proposed taking Algebra 1 and splitting into two years for weaker math students. This would be a change in graduation requirements where students currently need Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and one more math to graduate. For our students not aspiring for college, this math sequence may not be necessary. (There is a workaround on the science trajectory that allows students to not take Chemistry and Physics; we offer them the option of taking Earth Science and then Food and Nutrition.) There is a class defined by Georgia DOE called Foundations of Algebra that school districts have the option to use but Fulton County did not elect to adopt. The proposal is to offer students a new 4-year sequence as follows: Foundations in Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II.

Communications Committee Update

No update from communications committee. Upcoming meeting date pending addition of new teacher to committee.

Agenda for SGC Work Session on August 30:
RFF Information Form Development

Agenda for SGC Council Meeting on Sept 13:
Call to Order/Welcome; Approval of Agenda (Action); Approval of Meeting Minutes from 7/26/16; Public Comment; Principal’s Community Appointee (Action); Principal’s Update (Discussion); Seed Fund Spending update/logistics (Discussion); Vote to Approve RFF Information Form (Action); Update from Communications Committee (Discussion); Agenda Items for Next SGC Meeting; Adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn at 4:50 PM

First: Barth	Second: Short	Approved unanimously
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