**Student Governance Council**

**February Meeting Minutes**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm.

Action Item: Approve Agenda

Ms. Pulliam and Ms. Sims seconded the motion to approve January’s Meeting Minutes.

Action Item: Approve January Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the January Meeting Minutes postponed to the end of the meeting.

Action Item: Annual Budget Approval

Mrs. Arnold presented the Budget Highlights and additional Fiscal Updates for the 2024-25 school year.

Highlights from Presentation:

* One of the biggest expenditures Gullatt has is the custodial contract. We rely on charter funds to supply this position.
* There are zero funds in the budget for field trips.
* The district will only fund one literacy coach, although Gullatt’s needs are two coaches for both Reading and Math.
* Instructional paraprofessional, two custodial positions were cashed in. Not much goes for other positions; all others are allotted for personnel.
* Due to Gullatt not meeting the attendance minimum to have an Assistant Principal, we had to give back the money received for the additional Assistant Principal.
* For additional detailed notes, please contact Principal Arnold for the Annual Budget Slideshow.

The Chair moved to have the 2024-25 Annual Budget approved. Pulliam seconded the motion.

Informational Item: Principal’s Update

We have earned a grant from Art’s Now. The focus is on K-2 Literacy. There will be professional development to prepare Teachers. This will help teachers incorporate art into all subjects to increase our engagement. There’s an opportunity for a team of Gullatt staff to attend Mableton Elementary School to observe Teachers teach.

Hiring Season – We do not have many positions that are available, but Mrs. Arnold has begun the hiring process for those positions.

Mrs. Arnold asked if there were any specific items that the council would like updates on. Mrs. Young suggested the ask Teachers for feedback on initiatives.

Discussion Items: Teacher Initiate Update, Spring Cross Council, Screen for Front Office

1. Teacher Initiative – Most teachers that planned for the time in advance said they really appreciated the time.
2. Spring Cross Council – Ms. Sims and Ms. Williams will attend.
3. Screen for Front Office – Pending follow-up tasks by Ms. Holland, Bookkeeper; The Chair, Elie-Johnson will follow-up with Ms. Holland via e-mail
4. Food Truck Friday – Need to follow-up with trucks. Council help is necessary to contact businesses. The Chair will provide a script and a live document to keep track of businesses contacted. The council is concerned about the true amount of the percentage of sales we are receiving and need to put a system in place that would keep businesses accountable for our true amount earned.

Discussion Item: Parent/Teacher SGC Elections Candidate: Candidate Declarations

Ms. Sims and Ms. Young solicited parents for their decision on their declaration of candidacy.

Discussion Item: PBIS Pop ups – SGC Sponsored

In the agenda you can find the dates discussed with Ms. Harrison. SGC is sponsoring Takis and juice this Friday. The top 5 kids from the class will receive their treat on their way to lunch. February 16th, March 15th (pop rocks, but may be changed to ring pops-if ring pops are found), April 12th (hot Cheetos), May 10th (popcorn, M&M’s, and juice).

Questions

No further questions asked.

The Chair reiterated that an e-mail will be send with a shared document to contact food trucks. Please contact businesses by February 27th so that we know how to move for March.

The Chair motioned to end the meeting at 3:47 pm. Ms. Pulliam seconded the motion to end the meeting.

\*Council Members took a group photo with newly made t-shirts. \*

Minutes by T. Young, Parliamentarian