**Centennial High School Governance Council**

**Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2023, 7:15 a.m.**

*(This meeting does allow time for public comment)*

Members Present: Sanjay Barooah, Stephanie Rogers, Shonda Cooper, Ayana Hollaway, Ariel Raines, Erin Schwartzenfeld, Gail Ritchie, Opie Blackwell

Members Absent: Arthur Cantu

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 a.m.

1. **Action Items**

* Approval of August 24, 2023, Agenda

Rogers motioned and Barooah seconded. Unanimous approval.

* Approval of May 10, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Barooah motioned and Ritchie seconded. Unanimous approval.

* Approval of Ratima Guest-Smith to a 2-year community member role on SGC. Rogers motioned and Hollaway seconded. Unanimous approval.
* Approval of Sanjay Barooah as the Chair of Centennial’s SGC. Rogers motioned and Cooper seconded. Unanimous approval.
* Approval of Stephanie Rogers as the Vice Chair of Centennial’s SGC. Cooper motioned and Hollaway seconded. Unanimous approval.
* Approval of Ariel Raines as the Parliamentarian of Centennial’s SGC. Ritchie motioned and Rogers seconded. Unanimous approval.
* Approval of adjournment. Rogers motioned and Ritchie seconded. Unanimous approval.

1. **Discussion Items**
2. Introductions

* Each member introduced with name, affiliation to CHS, and “fun fact.”

1. Reviewed Council norms

* These were placed on the top of the agenda for members to review.

1. Student Members

* Two student members will be appointed in September as non-voting members with one-year terms.
* Discussion around finding members representative of student body. The council liked ideas around JROTC, scholar athletes, and finding students outside of existing class council representatives who already have a leadership position to ensure representation of our diverse student body. Staff feedback can be solicited on potential students.

1. Appointed Members

* Gail Ritchie, Assistant Principal, has been appointed to serve a staff member term through June 2025.

1. Community Member Role

* Discussion of nomination for Ratima Guest-Smith.
* No other nominations brought forward.

1. Council Past Work Strategic Focus

* Discussion of Pathways2Life Partnership as a significant past and future priority. Council wants to know more about impact and outcome. Because Pathways2Life recently presented at Hope Roswell’s quarterly meeting which Ms. Hollaway and Dr. Blackwell attended, Hope Roswell partnership was discussed as well.
* Discussion of Safety Features / Priorities such as “don’t block the box” in carpool (done), doorbells like on the front installed in the rear (done), and the use of safety funds as past and future priority.
* Discussion of Budget Priorities and Strategic Support / SGC / Charter Dollars funds and general funding as past and future priority. Ms. Kinsey, SGC Facilitator from FCS, noted that strategic support funds will be $46,390 this year. It was noted that last year in addition to a Pathways2Life partnership, SGC funds were also given to teachers to help fund innovative projects/needs by application.
* Other items discussed as desired / future conversations or potential priorities:
  + Addiction (vaping) was brought up as a talking point about how can we tackle, help, support.
  + Eagles Nest Church partnership was brought up and how we can continue leveraging that.

1. Council Required Roles and Committee Memberships

* The required SGC roles of Chair, Vice Chair, and Parliamentarian were reviewed. Chair runs the meetings and helps compile draft agenda as well as has required membership on Principal’s Selection Committee. The Vice Chair runs the meetings in the chair’s absence and helps compile draft agenda and sends to SGC for additions and finalization. The Parliamentarian ensures the SGC follows Robert’s Rules of Order, takes minutes and summary of action, and runs the action item portions of agendas.
* Nominations were accepted for Barooah for chair, Rogers for vice chair, and Raines for parliamentarian. No other nominations were made.
* The following committee memberships were established with chairs to be determined at future meetings of these committees:
  + Budget and Finance: Barooah, Rogers, Ritchie
  + Outreach and Communications: Cooper, Hollaway, Raines, Schwartzenfeld.

1. Principal’s Report

* Dr. Blackwell shared about a great opening to the school year as he joined Centennial. The students have been tremendous in their return to school, and the staff has worked exceedingly hard to build relationships and set a strong foundation for the year.
* Dr. Blackwell shared that assistant principals and administrators have held and are holding class meetings with students to review expectations, course credit/promotion requirements, our PBIS norms and celebrations, and more.
* Dr. Blackwell shared that attention is drawn to tardiness both to first period classes as well as throughout the day.
* Ms. Hollaway also shared during the meeting about recent involvement with a partner Hope Roswell who helped Centennial put on a block party in our apartment community to welcome families back to school, to make school-family connections, and to provide needed supplies to these families such as backpacks, take-home food, and school supplies.

1. Superintendent’s Advisory Council

* Ms. Mary Kinsley, SGC Facilitator for FCS, asked if any member would represent Centennial on the Superintendent’s Advisory Council.
* Ms. Shonda Cooper volunteered to continue doing this on behalf of Centennial and that a standing agenda item would be made to ensure any take-backs are shared with the council.

1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

* Discussing the Pathways2Life partnership, what they do, what they address, and some outcomes sought from them that can be shared paper format for the council to review. In the future the group could be invited to the council to present.
* Standing Superintendent’s Advisory Council Comments

1. Centennial SGC Meetings / Calendar

* Discussion around setting an established day of the month for SGC meetings. Thursdays were mentioned as a good day to explore.
* For next month, a meeting was established for Thursday, Sept. 14th at 7:15 a.m. with Dr. Blackwell offering to propose a few other dates to allow one SGC member to attend who had an immediate conflict.
* Dr. Blackwell would also look at Thursdays and the district calendar to propose a standard meeting date each month to the council.

1. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 a.m.