**Centennial High School Governance Council**

**Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2023, 7:15 a.m.**

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

Members Present: Ayana Holloway, Ariel Raines, Gail Ritchie, Sanjay Barooah, Dr. Opie Blackwell, Shonda Cooper

Members Absent: Erin Schwartzenfeld, Stephanie Rogers, Kamora Young, Kate Camarillo-Hernandez, Ratima Guest-Smith

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:17am.

1. **Action Items**

* Approval of November 16, 2023, Agenda

Ritchie motioned and Cooper seconded. Unanimous approval.

* Approval of October 19, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Cooper motioned and Barooah seconded. Unanimous approval.

* Approval of adjournment  
  Cooper motioned and Holloway seconded. Unanimous approval.

1. **Discussion Items**
2. Strategic Priorities
   1. Open discussion of items and topics we’d like to prioritize as a council:
      1. School Beautification / Improvement Ideas
         1. Restrooms are an area that can be improved: specifics noted were caulking around sinks, soap dispensers, and general cleanliness.
         2. General Branding and facilities updates – Athletic Director Trey Henson; Cady studios ‘culture credits’ we can use towards branding efforts; PTSA?
         3. Clubs to sponsor beautification of outdoor areas? (National Honors Society, Beta Club, Environmental Club?, Boy Scouts, JROTC)
      2. Safety/Security enhancements – send a survey to community (teachers, students, parents, etc.) for ideas and feedback
         1. Safety Walkthrough Report from FCS
      3. Teacher Grants/ Classroom Funding
         1. Food Science Space Update, possible creation of ‘Centennial Bistro’
         2. Application process for teachers
      4. Communication Strategy
         1. Possibility of Communications Director position; review job role/responsibilities from another FCS school
      5. Pathways2Life Update
         1. Survey to Centennial staff: mostly teacher response rate; data shows teacher/staff feedback on student mental health, staff mental health, feedback on Pathways
         2. Focus Group Sessions: Active Minds club, students from each grade level class council – after Thanksgiving Break
3. Superintendent’s Council Update
   1. Thought Exchange: discussed/ gave feedback on master calendar
   2. Data discussed from survey provided to teachers
   3. Safety and Security: schools must have emergency plan updated annually, safety kits/ safety team; parents able to provide feedback on safety in schools; substitute teachers aware of safety plan
   4. Communications Update: 3 ways that FCS communicates – FCS messenger (email), The Educator (email to teachers/admin), Board Bulletin (for all community members)
   5. Budgeting Process for next school year
   6. i-Ready replacement (middle schools)
   7. Voucher program for private schools – legislation to vote
   8. Increased enrollment in dual enrollment
   9. Increase in Latinx families in FCS communities/ more non-English speaking families and students
   10. Student Superintendent’s Council: Q&A with students on grading policies; gathered student feedback on using Artificial Intelligence in schools; improvement in attendance in schools
4. Cross-Council Event Update
   1. What SGC’s should be discussing: budget, charter dollars
   2. Share out of how charter dollars are being spent: Webb Bridge MS funding major student-led projects (Walking with Water initiative), purchasing books for student projects
   3. Review of protocols and processes
5. Principal’s Update
   1. Every school in the district will be completing a required Georgia parent CCRPI survey; climate & culture, safety & security, etc.
   2. Staff & students must hit a 75% or better participation rate of survey; students will complete in class after Thanksgiving Break
   3. Climate star rating comprised 4 components – attendance factors, discipline factors, safe & substance free factors, survey; Centennial 4/5 for past 2 years it was done (pre-COVID)
   4. Misunderstanding of what CCRPI is for parents
   5. Kids are GHP finalists
   6. 7 athletes signed at the collegiate level
      1. Lillian Healton – West Virginia Tech
      2. Diamond Leslie – Marshall University (Softball)
      3. Gabe Nickerson - University of South Carolina (Soccer)
      4. Lily Owings – Northwest Nazarene University (Volleyball)
      5. Jasmine Perez – University of Rochester (Basketball)
      6. Sean Siracusa – University of Utah (Lacrosse)
      7. Jamie Whittier – Wofford College (Baseball)
   7. Football team made playoffs for 2nd year in a row
   8. Campus Security Associate Mr. Grantham recognized as employee of the month by safety and security division
   9. Recognized 4 staff members with Knight awards
   10. End of semester schedule finalized and shared with community (last major assessment days, recovery ½ days last week of semester, attendance)
   11. Communication as a council through FCS email address
   12. Will take December SGC meeting off to give time for community surveys; will circle back in January
6. Jan. Meeting Topics
7. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20am.