School Governance Council Meeting - Minutes

September 13th

3:50-4:57 in Media Center

**Members Present**: Erin Gladstein, Dr. Michael Todd, Jessica Ames, Aerin Upadhyay, Gabriella Cason, Paul Belongie, Deborah Blount, Jonathan Ng, Feng Yang, Mary (Katie) Kinsey, and Julianna Mackes.

**Call to Order** by Belongie at 3:50pm

**Action Item**: Approve Agenda

* Motion to approve the agenda as written.
* Motion by Ames
* Seconded by Blount
* All in favor

**Action Item**: Approve August Minutes

* Motion to approve the agenda as written.
  + Updated “Debra” to “Deborah”
* Motion to approve the agenda as updated.
  + Motion by Juliana
  + Seconded by Jonathan Ng
  + All in favor

**Discussion Items**: Flagpole project in front of school

* Two senior classes (2014/2015) gave money to put up 2 new flagpoles.
* We don’t currently fly the state flag (this would be one of these new ones).
* The second one would be a Chattahoochee flag of some sort.
* How much money do we need?
* The quote is being done (needs to be below $10,000)
* Could we get a boy-scout group as a project.
* Should we approve an up-to amount? (Need to be below $9,999)
  + Motion to approve an up-to amount for the pole
    - Motion by Belongie
    - Second by Jonathan Ng
    - All in favor

**Action Item**: Pathways to Life—look at data, vote on budget allocation.

* Data shared by Dr. Todd
  + They did a study and found that there is a lot of depression, procrastination, etc. (2022/23) Pathways to Life has made a huge impact at Chattahoochee (No Shame Campaign and Anthem Project at Chattahoochee).
  + They are given a survey in their 9th grade health class (come in to class once a week) and ask for those who want to be in a small group session. Provide them with tools in these small group sessions.
  + They started Divergent Program this year – reduce number of consequences (like suspensions) if they agree to sessions with P2L. This helps students stayed in classes!
* Get someone to come discuss P2L with us.

Motion to continue P2L and budget funds by Belongie.

* Motion by Blount
* Second by Ames
* All in favor

**Discussion Item**: Any other items to spend remaining budget finds on for 2023-2024 school year?

* Can SGC fund real rewards for students.
  + Yes, as long as it is not gift cards.
  + Dr. Todd will discuss with Coach Kellis about points and giving actual rewards.
  + Get ideas on how to automate the points system or how to reward.
  + Reward idea: Give out Hooch shirts to student of the weeks.
  + Get money/ rewards from drink vendors or Nike.
* Can teachers put in for what they need out of our fund? (calculators)
* Could we partner with the PTO. We can add on to a mini grant.

**Open Discussion Items:**

* Conceptual physics – Ames (Should we get a VAF?)
  + There is a section of physics that was approved by Corrigan.
  + This is a course that would qualify for a physics credit for those who struggle in math and science.
  + If we had a VAF (value added flexibility – school specific) we would have to do it by Oct 2.
  + We will vote on this next meeting.
* What happened with possibly letting a teacher go?
  + We let go the unfilled science position because our numbers went down.
  + Projection for next budget is 1740. We may still need to lose a position in Spring.
* Daily attendance rate is 89.6% (counted if miss at least 4 periods)
  + Our goal is 90% daily attendance.

**Action Item**: Meeting Adjournment 4:56 pm

* Motion: Ames
* Second: Blount
* All in favor.