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North Springs High School Governance Council

12/14/2023 |4:34 pm | North Springs HS Media Center

SGC Members

Scott Hanson, Principal

Elected Parents: Tashema Atkinson, Jennifer Gorgoll, LaCretia Plane

Elected Teachers: Nicole Motahari, George Smith

Appointed School Employees: Gwen Kaminsky, Gina Reiman

Appointed Community Members: Jenn Lott, Miriam Salpeter

Students: Jayden Austin, Layla Frazier

Guests: Keith Thomas, Yalanda Bell, Dustin Davis, April Hardy, Dan Webber, Peter Weprinsky

Yellow: in attendance

4:34 Call to Order Chair

4:34 Action Item: Approve Agenda Chair

Motion: Kaminsky

Second: Reiman

Unanimous vote

4:34 Action Item: Approve November Minutes Chair

Motion: Kaminsky

Second: Reiman

Unanimous vote

4:35 Academic Programs Part II Yalanda Bell

Re-envisioning VPA into creative arts magnet

Robust conversation about academics magnet

Goal statement was presented.

Feedback – more math and science, not just engineering, not just focus on trying to guarantee high wage, offer entry level opportunities as well, engineering tech too, entry points for students going straight into careers as well as four-year college prep. Consider marketing it as nexus innovation through science and math not market it as biomedical engineering as it’s too intimidating to make it more accessible to all students.

Healthcare, engineering, and technology, would be unique to this school – but wouldn’t eliminate other students

We would still be a traditional high school that has two magnets. CS, other classes would still be offered. We need something here that is academically challenging to attract students. Needs to be unique and academically driven. But need to keep actively engaging non-magnet students too. Address all kids, high performing kids, just not magnet kids.

Would the pathway need to be approved – CTAE would streamline that process as they would be writing the pathway. Could be done in 9 months to one year.

Current magnet students would be able to finish their magnet. This would start with 9th graders.

SWOT analysis exercise, “fist to five” voting exercise.

Pathways can be developed from the healthcare/biomedical engineering once it starts – some like it kept narrow, some want it more broad

Need to think about it as a unique offering that keeps the best and brightest here. Should be so unique and so powerful that students don’t want to miss being part of it. Will appeal to all students of all levels – career focused and also four-year college focus.

Next steps – Yalanda will get with Scott about a timeline to outline specific courses and course progression. Could be started with or without the new building opening in august 2026.

Also will work on portrait of a student.

5:15 Funding Expenditure: Plans to Hire Marketing Professional Chair/Hanson

Hiring of marketing professional as independent contractor –fleshing out job description and other duties as assigned. Need high level strategy. Internal vs external communications and marketing needs. Build processes, strategy, tactical, create the plan and then make it possible for others to implement. Projects would include areas previously identified.

SGC will ask NS parent and marketing professional Noel Mayeske to attend the next meeting. His website is www.noelwork.org

5:45 Update about New Building Plans Chair/Hanson

Building cost suddenly has a shortfall. Hanson read Noel Maloof’s email to the group and will circle back with official update on building status. It might be paused, which is sudden and unexpected.

Conley Hills is opening a year late because of supply chain issues.

SGC needs to email school board members to inquire.

Request a meeting to be in the evening to ask community to come.

What is the plan to address the cost shortage? What other advance mechanisms are there to access additional money?

5:50 Informational Item: Principal’s Update Hanson

 End-of-semester update

140 students doing final recovery tomorrow

Engagement through the year gives them a successful learning environment

5:55 Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting Agenda Chair

Building update – Ask Noel Maloof to have a public meeting and include school board members.

Programming update

Ask Noel Mayeske to come to the meeting

5:56: Public comment: No comments

6:00 Action Item: Adjourn Chair

Motion: Motahari

Second: Kaminsky

Unanimous vote

Meeting Norms

Silence phones | Be respectful of others’ opinions | Work for the good of all students

\* **Action items**: All action items require a motion, a second and a vote

\* **Discussion items**: These are agenda items and do not require a vote.

\* **Informational items**: These items do not require a vote.