

Minutes

North Springs High School Governance Council

3/14/2024 |4:30 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

Yalanda Bell, Dustin Davis-Austin

Yellow highlights attended

4:30 Action Item: Call to Order Chair

4:30 Action Item: Approve Agenda Chair

 Motion: Motahari

 Second: Atkinson

 Unanimous approval

4:31 Action Item: Approve February Minutes Chair

 Motion: Motahari

 Second: Kaminsky

 Unanimous approval

4:32 Parent/Teacher SGC election update Atkinson

 One parent spot open, candidates may declare by end of March

 Cross-Council Recap Lott

 Good meeting with other SGC members, NS SGC sat with members from our cluster (Spalding Drive

Elem). Alpharetta HS did a presentation about the waiver process they have completed to increase graduation rate for specific students.

4:37 Voting Item: Annual budget review Hanson

5:20 Discussion Item: SGC fund allocation: update Chair/Hanson/Lott

Mayeske update – provided overview of marketing project. School/community/teacher responses so far are positive regarding the increase of social media presence. Would like to see placements in local media outlets, writing and submitting press releases to area newspapers etc as next steps. Would like to see updated school website as next steps too.

 Teachers like being able to email good news to Mayeske to report.

We have reached 12,380 over the last 28 days. 5,307 post engagement. Hanson is able to craft the order and timing of the messaging.

We need to make sure the website is updated. The website is updated by Zachry but when the district updates, the website populates old pages again. Mayeske is sending content to Zachry.

Mayeske sends Hanson content for the newsletter.

Recommended to ask Mayeske to attend May SGC meeting in person or on teams. New SGC will attend.

5:25 Discussion Item: Academic Programs Planning Update Hanson

Update about New Building Plans

Yalanda Bell and Dustin Davis-Austin present. Along with Shamona Harrell working on programming needs for the county and for the school.

Creative arts will not be discussed today, just focusing on College and Career side.

Three elements – CTAE, Jump Start Dual Enrollment program, Accelerated Career Diploma/tech college certifications.

There are not accelerated career diplomas available at Gwinnett tech for healthcare

CTAE pathways

 Healthcare info technology - telehealth

 Biomanufacturing

 Pharmacy

 Students could switch if their interests change but could also be pathway completers.

Pros for new program include: Creating more options for our students, expanding what we already have, marketing to middle schools to streamline curriculum and offerings from SSCMS to NS.

 Pharmacy offered at RW but not as DE with Gwinnett Tech

 Healthcare isn’t offered as accelerated diploma at Gwinnett tech so Jump Start was created

 Programming could offer DE certification to teachers at NS

Jump start will help give kids up to 30 hours college credit like DE currently offer. Helps with retention rate and graduation rate, helps graduation stats.

 The opportunity is similar to operating a college and a high school in one building

State pays for the DE classes. Could start as a freshman. Accelerated career diplomas as choice other than jump start. Students can finish required 9 hours in high school then take classes through Gwinnett tech for high wage, high skill, in demand careers….. IT and drafting would be taught at NS by FCS employees trained to teach the courses.

Automotive will partner offsite or at Gwinnett Tech – transportation communication and logistics need to be solidified for Automotive Technology program.

New format could start ahead of the building opening but maybe could start with this year’s 7th graders – not 8th since they’ve already applied to magnet.

We will become a unique school of choice that other schools don’t have. New and improved NS is going to be a school of choice for 21st century learners.

5:30 Informational Item: Principal’s Update Hanson

 Prom is April 12.

 Graduation is May 22, parking is supposed to be free. Golf carts will be on site at graduation.

 Yearbook – published by Motahari 3/13.

5:50 Public Comment Public Comment

5:55 Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting Agenda Chair

 Come to 3/20 meeting at NS to hear about process of new building and programming.

6:00 Action Item: Adjourn Chair

 Motion: Motahari

 Second: Gorgoll

 Unanimous approval

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.