



November Meeting Minutes

Innovation Academy School Governance Council

11/16/2023 @ 7:45 am in Mission Control & on Teams

Andy Piper Parent Representative	X	Jabril Mujahid-Alexander Parent Representative		Jit Saha Parent Representative	X
Kate Maloney Teacher Representative	X	Dahlia Restler Teacher Representative	X	Rob Alford Community Member	
Becky Waple Community Member	X	Carey Lynch School Employee	X	Haaris Quraishy School Employee	
Scott Kent Principal	X	Alina Vennel Student	X	Jason Lampert Student	X

Guests: Andrea Russel, Katie Kinsley

Meeting called to order by Andy piper at 7:45

- I. **Action Item:** Roll Call & attendance taken

All members in attendance except for Rob Alford, Haaris Quraishy, and Jabril Mujahid-Alexander

- II. **Action Item:** Approve Agenda

Becky Waple made a motion to approve November meeting agenda, Jit Saha seconded, agenda passed unanimously

- III. **Action Item:** Approve October Meeting Minutes

Kate Maloney motioned to approve the amended minutes to include Haaris Quraishy was in attendance at the budget meeting, Dahlia Restler seconded, amended minutes passed unanimously

- IV. **Information Item: Committee reports**

Outreach: Dahlia Restler shared that the committee met briefly last week and Jason Lampert will be giving an update at the SGC meeting about Superintendent's Student Advisory Council

Budget Committee: Jit Saha shared a document with the priorities listed. The quote for the sound system came in high so the vendor is coming back to requote. Scott Kent is researching vendors for a communal fence, approx. 44 ft long, in front between the auditorium and school building. Also, looking into equipment to allow for live streaming, recording, and broadcasting events

Student Advisory Council: Jason Lampert shared that he attended the Fulton Superintendent Council meeting with Mike Looney and approximately 24 students and another with the state superintendent, Richard Wood and approximately 60 students. Many topics were covered including a review of the charter system, charter dollars, mental health, and ethical ways to use AI. Students were challenged to think of ideas to improve student attendance. It was mentioned that in the future (hopefully by 2025/2026 school year) FCS is looking at adding a fall break and winter break for teachers and students.

V. Principal's Update

Principal Scott Kent shared performance data on Biology, US History, Algebra, Lang, which showed great results. The Cosmic Odyssey **Flexstravaganza** was a big success with volunteers from NASA, Lockheed Martin, and GA Tech research. IA currently has over 150 students placed in internships and WBL. Over 200 business partners have been actively engaged in Flex Fridays or other student projects. The number of students from Innovation Academy advancing to next step in GHP was shared. Applications are now open for next school year through January 15. All tours are full and new dates will be added.

VI. Information Item: Fall Cross Council Meetings

Kate Maloney and Andy Piper recently attended the cross council meeting where they collaborated with other school SGC members. They broke into small groups and shared experiences on how to choose initiative ideas.

VII. Discussion Item Council Initiatives

Andy Piper encouraged SGC members to keep in mind how we can support Recruitment, Student retention, Professional planning and implementation, Meeting the academic and emotional and behavioral needs of at risk students while considering Initiative ideas. Ideas

included including a link to SGC minutes in the Beacon, Fence/Gate between Auditorium and School building, hands on Speakers.

VIII. **Discussion Item** Email Andy Piper with any items to be included in November's meeting agenda.

IX. **Action Item:** Meeting Adjournment

Kate Maloney moved to adjourn the meeting. Carey Lynch seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Meeting Norms: Work for the good of all students | Be patient and open-minded | Create an atmosphere of fairness and respect | Turn on cameras