

**ROSWELL HIGH SCHOOL
School Governance Council**

Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2015

Members present: Susan Greene, Jerome Huff, Sara Payne, Amy Short, Lisa Smith, Jeni Stephens, Ben Sutter and Jim Vitale

Members absent: Catharine Phillips and Katha Stuart

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm by Jim Vitale.

Susan Greene moved and Jeni Stephens seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The agenda was unanimously approved.

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Jim Vitale and Susan Greene each expressed interest in the Superintendent Parent Council representative. There was discussion regarding whether or not the intention of the role was for elected parent council members or any parent council members. Jim Vitale deferred. Ben Sutter moved to nominate Susan Greene and Sara Payne seconded to elect Susan Greene as the RHS Superintendent Parent Council representative for 2015-2016. The vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Amy Short presented an idea for a Request for Flexibility (RFF) to allow students doing credit recovery during a class period during the school day to be able to also receive elective credits for a general skills study class. She indicated this will help these students stay on track to graduate on time which supports the school's goal of increasing the graduation rate and strategic initiative to increase flexibility of instructional time and master schedule parameters. Amy also reported that RHS has 250 sections of online courses being completed by students, many of them for credit recovery, approximately 100 juniors and seniors and 18 sophomores are currently credit deficient.

Jeni Stephens presented an idea for an RFF for a waiver of pre-requisite requirements for internship participation allowing non-TAG and non-Career Tech students to gain work experience during high school. Amy Short explained the distinction between Internships and Work-Based Learning. She also said there are 700 TAG students at RHS. Mr. Huff said he would talk to the work-based learning teacher regarding that program and participation.

Jeni Stephens presented an idea to offer courses taught as lecture style to allow for more students to enroll in classes that fill up quickly and to prepare students for college courses taught this way. After discussion the Council agreed not to pursue an RFF for this idea.

Jerome Huff asked the Council to consider an RFF to provide professional learning days to expand the school's Strategic Initiative for Daniel Venables' Professional Learning Communities (PLC) training. Ben Sutter indicated that a training course is 2 full days or 4 half days.

Jeni Stephens reminded members that the RFF Interest Forms are due Monday, September 21st however she would like to submit them by Friday, September 18th. She agreed to prepare drafts of the Interest Forms for the internship and professional learning days RFFs and Amy Short agreed to do the same for the credit recovery RFF Interest Form. Jeni will email all of the Interest Forms to Council members by Monday, September 14th for review and comment. Jim Vitale requested that council members reply all with their comments to avoid redundancy.

Ben Sutter moved and Amy Short seconded to end the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:23pm.