Paul D. West Middle School

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24-25 School Governance Council

Date: 8-21-24 Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Location: MS TEAMS

Meeting Norms: Start and End on Time, Be Respectful of Others' Opinions, Work for the Good of All Students

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Board Position	x		x	x		x	x	x		Non-Voting Member

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Procedure: Call to Order 5:14 pm

Action Item: Approval of Agenda

Mr. Geib made a motion to accept the agenda with additions as written.

Ms. Stephens seconded. All voted, all approved.

Action Item: Approval of May Meeting Minutes

Mr. Geib made a motion to accept the minutes with additions as written.

Mr. Rouse seconded. All voted, all approved.

Discussion Item: Review Meeting Norms

Discussion Item: Welcome our new members that were elected in the spring: Christine Taylor (parent), Dr. Van Ness-Ancrum (teacher), Tyler Rouse (Community Member), Joan Gage (School Employee).

Action Item: The replacement will be nominated by the principal and elected by a majority vote of the remaining Council members.

Current vacancies: **1 parent position.**

Dr. Stephens asked to have the parent nominee brought forth at the next meeting.

1 teaching position, Dr. Stephens recommended Ms. Sessions, the teacher of the year.

Action: Board voted, and all voted yeah. Ms. Sessions will fill the teaching position for the rest of the time.

Discussion Item: Member Introductions *(All Members)*

Discussion Item: (prior to voting on board positions, go through each positions responsibility)
Responsibilities belonging to their office.

Action Item: Elect New Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Parliamentarian) *(Principal)*

1. Nominations from the Floor
Call for Nominations: *The presiding officer, Dr. West, announces that nominations are open for the specific position. Chair Nominations: Dr. Van Ness (Gage), Vice-Chair Nomination: Mr. Rouse (Gage), Parliamentarian: Ms. Gage (Van Ness)*
2. Closing Nominations
Motion to Close Nominations: *Mr. Geib made a motion to close nominations. 2nd by Ms. Gage. All voted yeah, Approved.*

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3. Voting on the Nominations

Chair Nominations: Dr. Van Ness, all voted yeah, approved
Vice-Chair Nomination: Mr. Rouse, all voted yeah, approved
Parliamentarian: Ms. Gage, all voted yeah, approved

Dr. West congratulated all new board members.

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL COMMITTEES- Dr. West reviewed all committees

Section 5.3. Standing Committees:
The Council will have the following standing committees:

a. Budget & Finance Committee
b. Outreach & Communications Committee
c. New Principal Selection Committee

Action Item: Appointment by the Chair and/or Nominations from the floor
Ms. Gage motions to accept all nominations for the three committees, 2nd by Mr. Geib All voted yeah, approved.

Principal Update- Dr. Stephens presented our strategic initiatives. He congratulated Ms. Alexander and Mr. Smith on their recent recognition. He informed the group of current enrollments, and vacant positions. He discussed chronic absenteeism for our student body. The group discussed Charter Funds.

Discussion Item: End-of-Year Surveys Review: Tabled until next month

Adjournment 1st Geib, 2nd Van Ness, All approve.