



Paul D. West Middle School

Where improvement is a process, not a destination

24-25 School Governance Council

Date: 1/22/25

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

Membership	Parent	Parent	Parent	Teacher	Teacher	Principal Appointed	Principal Appointed	Community	Community	Non-Voting Member
Name	Christine (Christy) Taylor 6/30/26	Brittani Thornton 6/30/25*	Maria Stephens 6/30/25*	Shanna Van Ness-Acrum 6/30/26	Ms. Session 6/30/2025	Joan Gage 6/30/26	Joseph Geib 6/30/25*	Tyler Rouse 6/30/26	Jennifer Person 6/30/25*	Dr. Darrell Stephens
Board Position	Member	Member	Member	Chair	Member	Parliamentarian	Member	Vice-Chair	Member	Non-Voting Member

SUMMARY

Procedure: Call to Order- Dr Van Ness called the meeting to order at 5:02

Action Item: Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Mr. Geib

2nd: Ms. Gage

Results: Pass, all in favor

Action Item: Approval of October Meeting Minutes

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Motion to approve: Mr. Geib

2nd: Ms. Sessions

Results: Pass, all in favor

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

Discussion item: Paul D. West Council Seats Open for Election by School - Spring 2025- 2 parent seats, 1 teacher seat. The declaration period for parents and teachers interested in serving on their local SGCs will run from February 3rd to March 28th. Click [here](#) to check how many council seats your school has open for these positions in this year's election cycle.

~~Discussion Item: Planning for Annual Budget Approval**~~



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~~FY26 Budget development begins on February 10th and will conclude on February 28th (Elementary Schools) and March 7th (Middle & High Schools). SGCs should schedule their February and March meetings prior to their budget closure date to ensure the council has time to discuss and approve FY26 fiscal allocations.~~

Discussion Item: Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals- PDWMS has spent all of the \$46,391 available.

This year, schools have received \$46,391 in Charter Dollars to help meet their strategic goals through local innovative solutions.

Informational Item: Principal's Update

Dr. Stephens had a prior engagement and could not attend tonight. Ms. Dixon (grade level admin) joined our SGC meeting tonight in his place. She gave the principal report which included discussion about our current progress with strategic initiatives.

Good news for the school and SGC, The Panther Programmers competed in the First Lego Super Regionals.

Pictured shared: Lego Super Regional winners, PDWMS spelling bee winners.

A new initiative: Kennesaw State Mobile Learning, sponsored by Toyota (Driving Possibilities) in 8th grade Science, Mobile Learning, twice a month they come and work with the students.

Enrollment: Enrollment has dropped to 781 students.

Staff: We continue to need a Spanish teacher.

Attendance: Goal to reduce the total number of students within the chronic absence. The grade level administrators have been meeting with the social workers and other team members to talk to parents and found out the why behind the absences.

Approval of Strategic Plan, we are excited about the New Teacher Project in support of our mathematic instruction. It is part of the Promise school 25% from the state. We will be off that list soon, but as a result from being on the list, we continue to receive support.



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Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting's Agenda

Action Item: Meeting Adjournment

Motion to approve: Mr. Geib

2nd: Ms. Thornton

Results: Pass, all in favor