



Paul D. West Middle School

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22-23 School Governance Council

Date: 3/20/2024 Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Location: TEAMS

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| <p>Procedure: Call to Order</p> <p>A quorum was met, and so Dr. West called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.</p> | Dr. West |
| <p>Action Item: Approval of Agenda</p> <p>Dr. West called for a motion to approve the agenda.</p> <p>Mr. Geib motioned to approve the agenda,</p> <p>Ms. Maria Stephens 2nd the motion</p> <p>Vote: all in favor, motion passed.</p> | Dr. West |
| <p>Action Item: Approval of February Meeting Minutes</p> <p>Dr. West called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from our February meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Geib made a motion to approve the February minutes.</p> <p>Ms. Stephens 2nd the motion.</p> <p>Vote: All in favor, motion passed</p> | Dr. West |
| <p>Discussion Item: Review Meeting Norms</p> <p>Dr. West reviewed the meeting norms for all.</p> | All Members |
| <p>Discussion Item: SGC Cross Council</p> <p>Dr. West discussed the SGC Cross Council Meeting that was held March 1st. He informed the group that we need one parent to declare their candidacy. He informed the SGC board of the dates when the window for declaration ends. He started the window for voting, and when new training will take place.</p> <p>The SGC Cross Council Meeting also discussed the Value-Added Flexibility Model. This is a program that allows a school to be flexible with some rules, to be more encompassing with our students and their needs.</p> | Ms. Gage Dr. West |
| <p>SY2024 Parent and Teacher Candidates</p> | |



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Dr. West discussed the window for candidates to declare their candidacy. The window for parents and teachers to declare candidacy for their school's School Governance Council opens on February 5. During this time, individuals interested in serving a 2-year term (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026) will have the opportunity to complete a Candidate Declaration Form. The declaration window will remain open until March 29 with voting to take place in April.

Dr. Stephens

Principal Update

Dr. Stephens gave his report. He updated progress on our strategic initiatives. He encouraged parents to declare candidacy. Dr. Stephens announced the Teacher of the year, Ms. Sessions, and the Support Person of the Year, Mr. Coleman. He announced the FCCLA member Celena Bonner for winning Silver and Ty'Anna Moore for winning Bronze at the State Leadership Conference. Celena Bonner will be advancing to Nationals in the summer in Seattle, Washington. Mr. Crosby, our music teacher, took a large group of students to perform at Chattahoochee High School for the Large Group Performance Evaluation.

We are currently at about 825 total student enrollments. We have been in the hiring season for 24-25. We only have two vacancies. That is because we have earned additional positions. We continue to be identified as off tract for our target of attendance. One causal reason for attendance issues is homelessness. Many of our students are dealing with homelessness. This makes attendance at school a lower priority for these families.

Remaining charter funds \$14,284. This is due to the checks being cashed yet. When those expenditures clear, we will have around \$2000 left.

We are currently completing the FCS Survey. This is for parents, teachers, students, and staff. Anyone who has not completed this survey, please do so soon.

Red Clay Writing Project- professors from UGA are partnering with us to get the kids to write more. This has been our overall school focus for the 23-24 school year.

Question: Maria Stephens asked about the block party associated with the survey.

Dr. Stephens responded to this question. He explained about the positive incentives implemented at PDWMS, such as the PBIS points.

Next Month's Agenda

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Dr. West called for additions to the agenda.

No additions were given.



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Dr. West announced the winners of the 2024 Yes I Can Awards. We have 2 students winning the award. He encouraged everyone to come out and join us at Tri Cities HS on March 26 at 7pm.

Action Item: Meeting Adjournment

Dr. West

Dr. West called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dr. West

Mr. Geib motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. William Strange 2nd.

Voting, all in favor, **motion passed 5:26 pm**