MEETING MINUTES

Northwood Governance Council

Date | *time* 02/19/2025 | 7:00am | *Location* Northwood

SGC Member Attendance

Heather Rucker, Principal	✓	Sharon Perrin, Parent (elected)	✓
Nicole Sickle, Appointed Staff	✓	Regan Russo, Parent	✓
Rachel Needham, Teacher (elected)	✓	Melissa Lentz, Parent	✓
Sue Friedrichs, Teacher (elected)	✓	Cary Blumenfeld, Community Member (appointed)	✓
Michelle Levine, Appointed Staff	✓	Susan Hardee, Community Member	✓

Guest Attendance: Katie Kinsey (SGC Chair), Cheray Lynch

Meeting Minutes Summary

Action Items:

Motion	Time	By Whom	Second by	Voting Results
Meeting called to order	7:01	Cary Blumenfeld		
Motion to approve November minutes	7:04	Cary Blumenfeld	Nicole Sickle	Unanimous
Motion to approve February Agenda	7:04	Cary Blumenfeld	Nicole Sickle	Unanimous
Approval of Charter Dollar Expenditures	7:09	Cary Blumenfeld	Sue Friedrichs	Unanimous
Meeting adjourned	7:51	Cary Blumenfeld		

SGC Meeting 02.19.2025 7:00AM

Attendees: Heather Rucker, Melissa Lentz, Cary Blumenfeld, Rachel Needham, Susan Hardee, Regan Russo, Michelle Levine, Nicole Sickle, Sharon Perrin, Sue Friedrichs, Katie Kinsey (Guest), Cheray Lynch (Guest)

Summary of Actions:

- **Call to Order:** 7:03AM by Cary Blumenfeld
- **Approval of November Minutes:**
    - Motion: Cary Blumenfeld
    - Second: Nicole Sickle
    - Vote: Unanimous
- **Approval of February Agenda:**
    - Motion: Cary Blumenfeld
    - Second: Nicole Sickle
    - Vote: Unanimous
- **Approval of Charter Dollar Expenditures:**
    - Motion: Cary Blumenfeld
    - Second: Sue Friedrichs
    - Vote: Unanimous
- **Adjourn:** 7:51AM by Cary Blumenfeld

Action Item: Approval of November Minutes:

- Motion: Cary Blumenfeld
- Second: Nicole Sickle
- Vote: Unanimous

Action Item: Approval of February Agenda:

- Motion: Cary Blumenfeld
- Second: Nicole Sickle
- Vote: Unanimous

Discussion Item: Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals

- CPR Training - need March 2025 - $1k estimate
- K-2 After School Literacy Report - Jan 2025
- Grade Level Supplies for ELA - Nov 2024
- Northwood Lanyards & Badge Holder - Dec 2024
- School Materials & Supplies for remainder of year and August prep - needed ASAP - $25k estimate

- Update iPads - needed ASAP - $3k estimate

Action Item: Approval of Charter Dollar Expenditures

- Motion: Cary Blumenfeld
- Second: Sue Friedrichs
- Vote: Unanimous

Discussion Item: Budget Updates for 24-25 & Budget Proposal for 25-26

- Request to vote to allocate FY25 SGC funds to support Star Readers Club
- Request to vote to purchase new iPads to replace aging devices
- Request to vote to allocate remaining FY25 funds into school general supply fund to support purchase of classroom instructional materials
- Enrollment projections that were shared in Dec show a stable enrollment for FY26 w/ Kindergarten enrollment unpredictable
    - Enrollment projection for 24/25 = 551
    - Enrollment projection for 25/26 = 561
    - Current enrollment as of Feb 2025 = 573
- We will only earn 1.5 EIP teachers next year and lose the Media Paraprofessional - propose to use SGC funds allocated to next school year to purchase a .5 Media Paraprofessional
    - Vote may need to take place in July once budgets reopen
    - FY25 average salary cost = $58,388.28 / 2 = $29,194.14

Informational Item: Heather Rucker proposed a Teams Meeting for 3/3/25 at 9am to approve budget

Discussion Item: Planning for Parent/Teacher SGC Elections

- Candidate Declaration Window 2/3/25 - 3/28/25
- Elections 4/16/25 - 4/23/25
- Seats available:
    - 2 elected parents (Lentz & Russo rolling off)
    - 1 elected staff (Friedrichs rolling off)
    - 1 appointed staff (Sickle rolling off)
    - 1 community member (Hardee rolling off)

Discussion Item: Spring 2025 Strategic Plan Retreat Attendance

- Date: 3/17/25, 9am-1pm
- Need to send 2-3 members

Informational Item: Principal's Update (H. Rucker)

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- 3 months of school left
- Centennial graduate walk upcoming
- State of Georgia School Climate Survey
- Star Reader Club Update (M. Levine)

Upcoming SGC Meeting Dates

- Monday, March 3, 2025 (virtual meeting)
- Wednesday, March 26, 2025
- Wednesday, May 7, 2025