Paul D. West Middle School

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24-25 School Governance Council

Date: 3/12/2025 **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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Summary

Procedure: Dr. Van Ness called to Order at 5:06 pm

Action Item: Approval of Agenda

> **Motion to approve:** J. Gage
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> **Seconded by:** C. Taylor
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> **Outcome:** All in favor, motion passed.

Action Item: Approval of February Meeting Minutes

> **Motion to approve:** B. Thornton
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> **Seconded by:** C. Taylor
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> **Outcome:** All in favor, motion passed.

Discussion Item: Review Meeting Norms

> **Discussion:** Planning for Parent/Teacher SGC Elections
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> > **Paul D. West Council Seats Open for Election by School - Spring 2025:** 2 parent seats, 1 teacher seat
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> > **Note:** We currently have 1 teacher candidate, but we still need parent candidates.
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> > Please encourage parents to apply for a seat on our PDW SGC!

Informational Item: Principal's Update on FY26 School Governance Budget Recommendation

> **Presenter:** Dr. Stephens
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> **Focus Areas:** Writing, Literacy, and Instructional Support
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> > **Priority 1:** Enhancing performance for all students
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> > **Priority 2:** Prioritizing safety and operational efficiency
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> > **Priority 3:** Ensuring impactful programming
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> **Support for ESOL Students:** Continued support as they progress through their education
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> **Budget Highlights:**
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> > Dependent on student enrollment numbers
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> > Additional counselor and assistant principal positions earned
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> > Literacy and math coaches funded
> >
> > $12 million primarily allocated to staffing
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> > Non-personnel expenses include copy machines, work cellphones, teacher trainings, and paper
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> > $40,000 in Charter Funds earned annually
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> > Title I funds total $452,954, a decrease of $95,726 due to the declining student population

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Summary

Teacher raises maintained despite lower enrollment

Q&A:

Question: Concerns about students' reading abilities and the possibility of a reading club

Answer: Consideration will be given, and an email will be sent to staff to explore support options

Action Item: Budget Approval

Motion to approve: C. Taylor

Seconded by: B. Thornton

Outcome: All in favor, motion passed.

Informational Item: "Brag Book" Update

Presenter: C. Taylor

Status: Link sent out; no responses received. Dr. Stephens will forward to Ms. Washburn.

Information: SLC Spring 2025 Strategic Plan Retreat

Date: April 2nd

Attendees: Dr. Van Ness and Joan Gage

Location: South Learning Center

Additional Items:

Flyer Request: Ms. Taylor requested a flyer to inform upcoming students about parents' nights.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for May 2025.

Action Item: Meeting Adjournment

Motion to approve: B. Thornton

Seconded by: C. Taylor

Outcome: All in favor, motion passed.