CHATTAHOOCHEE HIGH SCHOOL

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School Governance Council Meeting – Minutes
Wednesday, October 22, 2025

SGC Member Attendance	Present?
Deborah Blount (School Employee) – Parliamentarian	☐
Shannon Bontrager (School Employee)	☒
Heather Cross (Teacher)	☒
Chris Federico (Parent)	☒
Cheyne Hardin (Parent)	☒
Solange Leonardo (Teacher)	☒
Amanda Phillips (Community Member)	☒
Madeline Rehberg (Community Member)	☒
Ramya Shivkumar (Parent)	☒
Mike Todd (Principal)	☒
Suhani Patel (student)	☒
Samantha Sterling (student)	☒

Call to Order by Chris Frederico at 3:54 pm.

Action Item: Approve Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda as written by Madeline Rehberg, seconded by Solange Leonardo, all in favor.

Action Item: Approve September Minutes

- Motion to approve September by Heather Cross, seconded by Madeline Rehberg, all in favor.

Introduction of Board President, Ms. Kristen McCabe.

- Spoke to graduation rate of Fulton and Johns Creek area. Largest number of students taking SAT and increases in scores. Chattahoochee HS has highest pass rate of AP courses in the county. Board is focusing on developing the budget using the GLIDE technique to be able to address financial challenges.
- Dr. Todd added information on Hooch specifics: 97% graduation rate (4 + 5 year grad rate) and 100% 5 year grad rate amongst special education population.

Discussion Item: Pathways2Life look at data

- Ryan Streetfield, founder of Pathways
- Pathways representative, Placida, presents data on the Pathways program
    - 3-fold approach: student assistance, parent & family support, community collaboration
    - Started officially working with Chattahoochee in 2015
    - Feedback statements were shared
    - Data from 2018-2019 was shared
    - 2022-2023, 2023-2024, & 2024-2025 highlights were shared

- Alicia McClung: Pathways fills a gap that parents can't always fill. It's for all of our students, which is unique to their program. They are reliable and consistent support for our families.
- Run through of budget proposal
    - $12,500 Classroom Guidance
    - $12,500 Crisis and Brief Intervention, Trainings, Parent Coaching
    - $2,500 Wellness Campaigns, Student Initiatives and Presentations
    - **Total cost**: $27,500
        - Funded by Donor Support: $7,500
        - Funded by Chattahoochee SGC: $20,000
- Open for discussion by Chris Frederico
    - Leaves $10,000 for use in other areas of the school by SGC
    - Samantha brought up what she is seeing in her internship that in the mental health practices the professionals are having to turn people away. Expounded upon speaking to not having insurance doesn't matter for this and gets help to more who need it.
    - No concerns mentioned.
    - Invite back in January for a check in and be able to approve in May for next year

Action Item: Vote on budget allocation

- Motion to approve by Cheyne Hardin, seconded by Solange Leonardo, all in favor.

Discussion Item: Laptop cart charging Stations

- Dr. Todd shared the example carts that he has found that would work in the cafeteria. Prices range from $1000 to around $200 depending on durability. Carts shown are about $500 per cart. Admin would need to come up with a way to help students know which slot their computer is in.
- Question of if there's an option to make computers accessible to still work?
    - The carts don't allow for that and the in table options are too expensive.
    - Potential of charging towers to allow for charging and use at the same time.
- Thought of buy one cart for now and a few towers and see how that works and then move forward from there.
- Question from Ms. McCabe: Is this needed because students aren't charging over night or because the computers don't hold a charge?
    - Answer: both

Action Item:

- Motion to spend up to $1200 on cart and charging towers by Cheyne Hardin, seconded by Madeline Rehberg, all in favor.

Cross Council Update: Ramya

- Good event with many schools. Take aways were strategic plans have been submitted and are being approved by Superintendent. SGC should work to support the school's action plan. Idea of having an SGC table at school events to put out there what we are doing for the school. Partnership program: businesses can be partners with the county and schools and can help SGC to reach goals. Idea to improve literacy: have HS students go back to ES and read to and with them and mentor the MS students.
- Future agenda Item: Putting the idea of improving literacy into action

Discussion Item: Outreach/Communication Avenues

- How do we communicate with parents and community what we are actively doing?

- Cheyne: use of social media and Hooch Happenings to communicate
- Include blurb in the Hooch Happenings
  - Heather Cross and Solange Leonardo put together the blurb to get to Dr. Todd and Ms. Vacarro to push out to community.
- Samantha Sterling: create the "look back" on the Hooch Happenings IG for SGC
- Open the November meeting to incorporate community input-get an invite out through Hooch Happenings

Discussion Item: Any new ideas for use of SGC funds

- Samantha Sterling: issue at pep rally of the music/speaker system in the gym
  - New sound system in gym or update sound board to make sound run easier
  - Talk to "Brooke" about what would be needed (equipment) and get information to Dr.Todd
  - If cost is very low Dr. Todd can handle internally and if a larger, more expensive fix is needed them we can come back to discuss later.
  - Heather Cross will talk to potential vendor about a budget proposal.

Principal's Update: Strategic Plan progress monitoring; COSA

- Last year Data
  - Graduation Rate: SY24-25 97.2%
  - Reading at/above grade level: 90.3%
  - Overall milestone proficiency 76%
- Presentation of progress monitoring for current data
- COSA window 12/9-1/19
  - COSA night 11/18
  - Idea of becoming a magnet school as proposed by Kristen McCabe? Hooch qualifies but isn't reaping potential benefits!

Meeting Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn Madline Rehburg, Second by Amanda Phillips, all in favor.