School Governance Council Meeting – Minutes
Wednesday, September 9, 2026

SGC Member Attendance	Present?
Shannon Bontrager (Teacher)	☒
Shannon Carey (Parent)	☒
Heather Cross (Teacher)	☒
Chris Federico (Parent)	☒
Sierra Gritz (Community Member)	☐
Madeline Rehberg (Community Member)	☒
Benjamin Salba (Teacher)	☒
Matthew Swarts (Parent)	☒
Dr. Mike Todd (Principal)	☒
Laurel Turner (School Employee – Parliamentarian)	☒
Brook Dorr (Student Representative)	☒
Alya Mengenli (Student Representative)	☒

Call to Order by Chris Federico at 3:52 pm.

Action Item: Approve Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda by Ben Salba, seconded by Madeline Rehberg, all in favor.

Action Item: Approve August Minutes
Motion to approve August minutes by Heather Cross, seconded by Ben Salba, all in favor.

Discussion: Student Representatives Introductions

- Student representatives introduced themselves. Brook is Senior Class President and Alya is Senior Vice President. Both are excited to be on the council. Other SGC council members introduced themselves to Brook and Alya.

Discussion: Pathways2Life

- Placida Braswell presented data on the impact that Pathways2Life has had on the student population.
    - In Fall of 2025 the rating score was 4.66/5 and in Spring 2026 the rating score was 4.78/5
    - Brief Intervention options: Mentorship and Diversion
    - 19 students engaged

    - 73% of students reduced substance use after P2L
- She also provided resource books to share with parents and staff
- Campus Wide events - Wellness Wednesdays, P2Life club, P2Life Internship
- Pathways2Life currently visit Health classes 1x week so the 9th graders are exposed to their program. Council Members would like to see upperclassmen more engaged in program and liked the idea of trying P2L unplugged and having an assembly in the auditorium for upperclassmen.

Action Item: Vote on Budget Allocation for Pathways2Life
Motion to approve $10k to get them started and then revisit giving more money later by Heather Cross, seconded by Madeline Rehberg, all in favor.

Discussion: SGC budget ideas for 2026-2027 SY

- Student had expressed interest to Heather Cross about bringing back the recycling program schoolwide. Heather is going to have student collect more information on what that would entail (cost, time, participation, etc) and present the information to the council at the next meeting.
- Laurel Turner suggested the stairs in the auditorium that lead to the stage need to be replaced. They are a safety hazard. The stairs were donated the last time the Mayor of Johns Creek came to Chattahoochee so they are old. Dr. Todd going to look into taking money from the general fund to get new stairs.
- Both student representatives brought up the bathrooms throughout the school stating they are old, in bad condition, and many times out of order. They shared that the D and G hall bathrooms are the worst. Dr. Todd shared that some bathrooms are being closed to deter vaping as well as trying to figure out who is vaping. He is going to also talk with Maintenance to see if there is something that can be done about bathrooms.
- Council wanted to know what was going to happen with the Automotive room since the Auto program is no longer offered at CHS. Dr. Todd shared that potentially we are going to work with Gwinnett Technical College to get a program up and running again with them as a partner.
- Brook and Alya shared that they felt like there was nothing special about being a senior because Senior Course reduction was taken away, there is no Senior lounge, and not being able to use personal computers at school and limited access to cell phones is a bummer. There was talk about doing a Senior section at lunch.

Informational: Principal Update

- **Strategic Planning:** The metrics that are being used for strategic planning are Special Education, overall proficiency on milestones, ISS & OSS days, employee retention, student attendance and charter dollars. Will discuss more at October meeting.

Action Item: Meeting Adjournment at 4:54 pm.
Motion to adjourn the meeting by Madeline Rehberg, seconded by Heather Cross, all in favor.

Next meeting on Wednesday, October 15 at 3:50 pm.