School Governance Council Meeting – Minutes
Wednesday, October 14, 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 3:50 pm.

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

Action Item: Approve September Minutes
Motion to approve September minutes by Madeline Rehberg, seconded by Heather Cross, all in favor.

Discussion: Student Restroom Improvements

- Student restrooms are in need of significant repairs and upgrades, with approximately 16 bathrooms affected.
- Repair efforts are being coordinated through Facilities/Alterations, and questions remain regarding installation responsibilities, project scope, and overall costs.
- School and district leaders are exploring funding and support options, while Student Government may assist with inventorying restroom fixtures to help assess needs.

Discussion: Pathways2Life Expansion

- A spring transition program for seniors is being considered to help students prepare for the academic, social, and personal challenges of college.

- The proposed program would include a large-group presentation followed by targeted small-group sessions based on student feedback and identified areas of need.
- Discussion focused on the program's value relative to its cost, with consideration given to whether the funding would have a greater impact if allocated to other school priorities.

Presentation: Cross Council Update

Ben Salba attended the Cross Council meeting at NLC and shared updates on strategic planning efforts.

- The Strategic Plan is being reviewed to create a more centralized framework while still allowing schools the flexibility to address their unique needs and priorities.
- Charter funds should be aligned with school goals and used in ways that directly benefit students, ensuring resources support strategic priorities.
- Stronger collaboration between School Governance Councils and PTAs was highlighted as a best practice, helping stakeholders align efforts and work toward common goals.

Presentation: Superintendent's Advisory Council Update

- Brook presented from the council and the cell phone issue was a main point of discussion, especially concerning the rules for next years.
- Also discussed was mental health and availability of resources and student awareness of those resources.

Update: Recycling

- The cost does not match the benefit based on research.
- Mr. Swarts presented clubs that might be interested in various avenues of recycling.

Discussion: New Ideas for Use of SGC Funds

- The council is evaluating how to invest the remaining $30,000 in a way that will have the greatest overall impact on students, staff, and the school community.
- Several potential funding priorities were identified, including EOC tutoring, teacher and student grants, professional development opportunities, classroom resources, restroom improvements, and staff support for extracurricular involvement.
- Next steps include developing a detailed proposal for EOC tutoring, distributing a ranking survey to staff and students to gather input, and meeting on November 11 to review priorities and make funding decisions.

Informational: Principal's Update

- Strategic Plan progress monitoring data: Shared data that has been collected to date.

Action Item: Meeting Adjournment at 5:18
Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ben Salba, seconded by Madeline Rehberg, all in favor.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 11, 2026 at 3:50pm