

## School Governance Council Meeting 11/9/21 5:30pm

The call to order was made by Mrs. Francisco at 5:35pm.

Mrs. Lalanne did the roll call.

Suggestions were made to amend minutes, revisions were reviewed, and then the revision of minutes were approved.

### Meeting Norms

Listen respectfully and consider matters from another's perspective.

Discuss issues and not people.

Start and end meetings on time.

Focus on what is best for student and student achievement.

Keep discussions and agenda on track.

### Parent Election

Another election will need to be run for Joseph Vitale and Laura Funez. There was a glitch with the voting, and there was only one vote submitted over two weeks. The single vote was for Joseph Vitale and the alternate would be Laura Funez. Mrs. Francisco asked if elections should be done over. Mrs. Francisco will ask Dr. Graf if he could send out another phone blast to extend the time to vote. The voter link was not working, but was fixed. The question was asked if we should we follow the bylaws to have a fair and just election. Bylaws do require us to follow the procedures of the first election if we do a second election. There was one member who voted to have another election, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> to motion another election for SCG parent representative.

### Student Representatives

There were two student reps elected: Ailani Aybar and Nahama Precile.

Ailani Aybar introduced herself. She is the HOSA Vice President, a member of the NHS, and she expressed that she wants students' voices to be heard and is honored to be here. Nahama Precile introduced herself as a senior in high school. Students are non-voting members and are required to address the needs of students to SCG. They will be assisting with working on the two focus areas of the school.

### Principal's Report

Mrs. Francisco introduced Mrs. Smith to present the principal's' report. The report was handed out to everyone present. See attached for full detail.

Feedback was provided on the NEASC visit. Overall there was positive feedback, it was a good visit, it's done every 10 years, and NEASC reviews how we're doing and how we can improve. Mrs. Smith shared background information on what NEASC is, and provided a handout of the NEASC debrief. See attached. Mrs. Smith reviewed the foundational elements that were met and not met.

Central is leading the district in curriculum areas. The learning is shifting to student-centered learning; more projects and student-centered activities will be assigned. SEL, and the 4 C's (communication, culturally competent citizen, collaborator, critical thinker) pertaining the VOG (Vision of the Graduate) were elaborated on.

Mrs. Smith is spearheading the Girls Leadership group to connect them with mentors.

Mrs. Smith shared that CHS magnet applications are due to counselors this week. Private conferences and student shadowing are available for students who are interested.

Mrs. Smith reviewed 2022 SAT comparison. Two focus areas are academic achievement and developing community partnerships. Mrs. Smith shared that we can look at what things we can do to improve student achievement, reviewing data, etc. Examples are access to SAT classes, tutoring programs, and targeting retired teachers who can assist students.

#### PTSO Report

Dates were gathered to speak to Dr. Graf about including a parent element during multicultural night. The US State Attorney's Office is backing a program called "Fed Up", that explains how to prevent gun violence. The program will run parent and student presentations and the PTSO will inquire with Dr. Graf to see if they can come to CHS.

Community rep Marge questioned if anyone knew about the Interact Club here at CHS. She shared that the Interact Club consisted of a group of teenagers who give back to community. Students go in groups.

Jane who works with SIRI shared that volunteers work with kids during summer programs. The Interact club offers internships and rotary club offers "bucks" money. The goals of the rotary were shared, and it is a club that has deep American values.

Jane spoke about the importance of sharing information with what's going on at Central.

Mrs. Smith shared that the Today's Students, Tomorrow's Teachers program that is geared for students who are interested in becoming educators. She also expressed the need to start grooming young people to become educators.

#### SCG Website

Ms. Reed introduced SCG's webpage on CHS's website under the Parent Resources tab. The site will be regularly updated with info pertaining to this school year. Bios of members will be requested to add to the SCG page. The names of parents and community members will be listed on the SCG website. Questions will be directed to Eric'ka Lalanne and students can fill out a form for student ideas.

Monthly reminders of meetings will be emailed a week prior to each meeting.

#### New Business

It was suggested that parents and faculty do a staggered term in order to give others the opportunity to become involved. There was a motion to wait for more members to be present next week to vote from Erin Reed and 2<sup>nd</sup> from Jane.

#### Break Out Session

Two teams were formed to work on student achievement and development of community partnerships.

#### **Student Achievement**

- Khan Academy

- Reading plus
- Actively learn for English Department
- Establish partnership between seniors and incoming freshmen so that freshmen aren't too afraid to ask questions and be assigned a senior mentor
- What's happening with reading and compare non-magnet and magnet
- Address 1.5 year decline in academic performance from Covid
- Summer reading concern that many students did not do it and is 10% of grade. Local libraries have purchased books based on summer reading list
- Adding independent reading opportunities for students
- Teachers collaborate and talk about book club

### **Community Involvement**

- Interact club
- Rotary club
- Past organizations
- Build On
- Question of community service requirement; none at CHS, but is for NHS
- Biggest community event which is multicultural night. 6<sup>th</sup> year having it. There was past PTSO representation.
- Mentoring and tutoring programs- MAACS, NHS
- Need to brainstorm more ideas