

# School Governance Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 10, 2012

Time: 4:00-6:00

Location: Crosby Media Center

## Attendance:

### Present

#### Principal

Dr. Louis Padua

#### Parents

Maria Garcia

Amy DeSantis

Margaret Rocco

#### Community Leader

Kelly Cronin

#### Teachers

Mike Sullivan

Matthew Corcoran

Ryan Vassar

Marines Wilson

Crystal Caouette

#### Students

Marcos Perez

Micah Small

### Not Present

Vernail Walker

Kim Quinnones

Silvia Freeland

4:08 Call to Order  
Roll Call (see above)

Issue: Accept minutes from 12/20/2011 meeting

Motion, Vassar

2<sup>nd</sup>, Sullivan

Unanimous vote in favor

A list of Crosby High School Governance Council Members and Terms was provided to the members, list is at the end of the minutes.

Issue: Welcome to student representatives Micah Small and Marcos Perez. Welcome to community leader Kelly Cronin, Executive Director of Waterbury Youth Services.

Overview of basic information regarding the Council and contents of binder: minutes and agenda, law, training session information.

Issue: Discussion regarding council members who have not attended recent meetings.

Review of bylaws. Review of attendance of members in question:

Vernail Walker—missed 4 consecutive meetings

Kim Quinnones—missed 3 consecutive meetings

Silvia Freeland—missed 3 consecutive meetings

Motion to remove the three members in question, Vassar

2<sup>nd</sup>, Sullivan

Discussion of matter continued. Vassar and others recommend that we should stick to the bylaws. Padua and others recommend that we should contact the parents once more before making such a decision. DeSantis asks for a record of attempts to contact members but none is available. Rocco offers to contact them during meeting, but contact information is not readily available. Vassar offers to table motion until next meeting. Corcoran volunteers to contact members immediately after current meeting.

Issue: Continued attempts to engage community leaders to fill second vacancy. Wilson contacted local business leaders over break but no response yet.

Issue: Dr. Padua presents demographic data. Student population profile, especially areas that the state is interested in, including AYP subgroups. Data on discipline and truancy showing improvement when compared to same month last year. Graduation rates and drop-out rates. School discipline data for 2010-2011 and current school year presented. Dr. Padua handed out packet of data presented to SGC members.

Requests for data:

1. Total number of referrals for dress code and action taken for each referral
2. Discipline referrals and actions separated by grade
3. List of specific offenses for insubordination category for school, separated by grade.
4. CAPT score data
5. List of repeat offenders for disciplinary action
6. Perception survey used at Wallace Middle School for students, parents, and staff.

Other possible areas to explore/focus include college data (preparedness and completion), parent involvement, school climate, polling parents and faculty, issues regarding safety and orderly school culture, instruction. Cronin, DeSantis, and Rocco favor focus on preparedness, safety and orderly school culture.

Issue: Agenda for February 7, 2012 meeting

- 1) Review and approve minutes from January 10, 2012 meeting
- 2) Membership attendance
- 3) Community Representatives Update
- 4) Officer elections for governance council
- 5) Review of MOD 2 Governance Council Training
- 6) Vassar presentation on dress code 20 minutes
- 7) CAPT score presentation & discussion of 9<sup>th</sup> graders at CAPT 30 minutes
- 8) Member discussion for council focus and request data for future meetings
- 9) Discussion of perception survey for students, staff, and parents
- 10) Develop agenda for next meeting

Issue: A Governance Council Meeting Date was set for March 13, 2012, 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Issue: Parents workshop for CAPT

Wilson: Ms. Ramos and Wilson putting together workshop for parents to raise awareness of CAPT

Issue: Keeping 9<sup>th</sup> graders for CAPT

Corcoran: developing plan to try to keep 9<sup>th</sup> graders for part of the CAPT test and is soliciting feedback from teachers and parents. DeSantis and Rocco: parents largely unaware that students are released early and are supportive of keeping them. Padua warns violating WTA contract.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

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## **Council Members and Terms of Appointment**

Dr. Louis Padua, Principal (permanent member)

### **2011 – 2013**

Crystal Caouette, Teacher

Matt Corcoran, Teacher

Kelly Cronin, Community Member

Amy DeSantis, Parent

Kim Quinones, Parent

Margaret Rocco, Parent

Mike Sullivan, Teacher

Vernail Walker, Parent

### **2011 – 2012**

Raven Betancourt, Parent

Silvia Freeland, Parent

Maria Garcia, Parent

Marcos Perez, Student

Micah Small, Student

Ryan Vassar, Teacher

Mari Wilson, Teacher