

School Governance Council Meeting Minutes

Date: June 5, 2012 Time: 4:00-6:00 Location: Crosby Media Center

Attendance:

Present

Principal

Dr. Louis Padua

Parents

Amy DeSantis, Vice Chairperson

Margaret Rocco

Vernail Walker

Community Leader

Kelly Cronin

Teachers

Crystal Caouette, Chairperson

Marines Wilson

Matthew Corcoran, Secretary

Students

Micah Small

Marcos Perez

Not Present

Mike Sullivan

Ryan Vassar

Issue I: Question about adding items to the agenda, Vassar per bylaws, 5 days prior to meeting. Vassar requests clarifying process for changing agenda.

Issue II: Membership: Ms. Wilson's last meeting, according to bylaws

DeSantis: Concerned over fairness, other teachers not in attendance—check of bylaws for rules on membership and status of members not in attendance—Issue postponed until next meeting.

Issue III: SGC Training from 4/24 on boosting parental involvement. Adding family engagement program to next agenda.

Issue IV: School Compact

Parental Involvement Policy. G. Flaherty in process of drafting Compact, stopped because of district changes

Caouette distributed materials on Compact—drafts, sample compact, “10 Steps to Drafting Compact”

Committee should take on responsibility of Compact

DeSantis: 1 per grade level in elementary schools

Wilson: Adjust to common core

DeSantis: Parent Liaison limited to 10 hours per week at CHS

Issue V: DIP /SIP update

Dr. Padua: Superintendent meeting with administration, DIP announced in near future. Until then, we cannot make changes to SIP.

Caouette: Procedure in place for developing SIP, updating old SIP with new data, template and procedures provided by the state.

DeSantis: Changes other than data, adjust goals.

Dr. Padua: SIP is a living document and changes are made

Corcoran: need to ensure follow through on action steps

Wilson: Staff not aware of details of SIP

DeSantis: other schools do monthly SIP update meetings

Dr. Padua: Council becomes the monitoring mechanism, asks why SIP is not happening.

General discussion of changes to be accounted for in SIP: Common Core, 21st Century Learning Skills, Gear Up grant, Perkins review, new technology, new ways of accounting drop-out rate, Computer adaptive testing

Issue VI: PBIS for student achievement.

Small: delivered letter to Toucet, PBIS needs funding for rewards.

General discussion about budget for PBIS, fundraising strategies for high school, forming a student committee for PBIS to assist. PBIS activities: Hip hop show limited this year, kids felt rewarded because it was for those who really deserved it. Bridge to success: collaboration of agencies —“100 best communities for youth”, Student of the month by department and by grade.

Issue VII: Various changes for next year

District revising dress code and discipline policy

CAPT testing: all students stay

Discussion with staff over changes to finals and midterms

Math tutoring center located outside library

Bell schedule looked at, considering dropping homeroom

School climate surveys

9th grade labs—Superintendent concerned about NEASC request for labs

Testing times, piloted am testing

21st Century grant—after school programs at schools

Issue VIII: Discussion of advisory

Question of using time for interventions, SSP new feature of advisory.

Questions about advisory activities. Parents concerned about advisors not committed to process.

Exploring training, PD, pairing up advisory groups with high performing groups.

Students concerned that advisory is not doing much, students skip and get into trouble.

Dr. Padua very confident in advisory. 90% of groups are a success, CHS becoming a model for the district. Discussion of reconvening advisory committee, looking at binders to improve activities.

Issue IX: Next meeting: 6/25 at 2:00

See Caouette for agenda