

Northwestern Middle School
School Governance Council
September 14, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to Order at 8:02 a.m. by Ashley Poston, Elected Teacher. Roll Call by Katherine Wickliffe. A quorum of members was present for the September 14, 2018 Council meeting held in Media Center.

Attendance

Charles Chester, School Principal	Mary Olson, Elected Teacher
Deana Skimel, Appointed Staff	Gloriaellis Mattei, Community Member
Tara Spolan, Elected Parent	Ashley Poston, Elected Teacher
Maria Lorza, Elected Parent	Barb Halbert, Community Member

Action Items:

- Approved agenda for September 14, 2018 meeting – Motioned by Tara Spolan and Ashley Poston
- Amended Minutes for August 24, 2018 - date on minutes for next meeting to read September 14, 2018
- Approved Minutes for August 24, 2018 meeting – Motioned by Tara Spolan and Mary Olson
- **Established and Approved NMS SGC Norms:**
 - We are 1 voice who connects to the community
 - Keep Students 1st
 - All decision are aligned to NMS Strategic Plan
 - Respect for fellow members, every opinion matters
 - Keep on task
 - Efficient and effective actions

Discussion Items

SGC worked on Notice and Wonder Strategic Plan Protocol.

- Under guidance from Ashley Poston, members took a closer look at the NMS Strategic Plan. Members proposed looking into Student Success Skills Initiative to see if it can be revised from 100% mastery and how to define. Will be added to next month's agenda.

Cross Council Member and Business Partner Liaison Selection

- Kevin Locke, Charles Chester and Tara Spolan will attend Northwest Learning Community Cross Council on Monday, September 24.

Determined 2018-2019 afternoon meeting schedule

- October 12th – 9:30 AM – Open Meeting
- November 9th – 8:00 AM
- December 14th – 8:00 AM
- January 11, 2019 – 8:00 AM
- February 26, 2019 – 4:30 PM – Open Meeting
- March 8, 2019 – 8:00 AM
- April 12, 2019 – 8:00 AM
- May 10, 2019 – 8:00 AM

Principal Update:

- Welcome and congratulate our new AA- Ashley Poston, taught PE at NMS for 5 years and part of a Leadership Program at Kennesaw.

- Approved a teacher replacement for Ashley in PE starting 9/19/2018. Replacement is a Fulton Graduate.
- We need Para Professionals for Special Ed. Please see Camille Santos.
- We are fully staffed, but we have a few teachers out on leave, 2 with personal leave of health issues. Very hard to find qualified subs, especially for Science. Applaud in house teachers who are helping with those long term absences, making sure students continue to learn what is required.
- Continuing with SMART Goals. Improved process to work on 6 goals based on data from last year.
- PBIS – Establishing the Wildcat Way, students can be identified as Wildcats in the community, not just in school.
- PD – Focus on PLC’s – 1 goal, accountability and independent groups. Bringing in Thomas Van Soelen of Van Soelen & Associates, LLC.
- Implement a new non-graded assessment – Illuminate is an Item Bank by Standards, Element and Knowledge Level to reach 100% mastery. If you master the skills, the grades take care of themselves. Students will take on their devices and data is immediate.
- Lunch Bunch – Remediation for students during lunch with Michelle Robbins, Math /ELA
- Alternate Curriculum Night for teachers that were absent will be 9/25 or 9/27
- Feed a Cop is up and running, adding Watch DOG Dads for supervision in entry points for Am and PM
- Faith Partners – Working with Northpoint, Alpharetta First Baptist and Crabapple First Baptist to get volunteers trained and moving.

RFF Discussion

We will not renew World Language RFF. It is no longer needed; every student can take a World Language since adding them as a connection.

Flexible Funds ideas and Approval - \$31,225.09

- Programs for Professional Learning and Software, Approved, motions Skimel and Spolan
 - Kit World Language Software \$390
 - USA test Prep, practices Science, SS and ELA \$3525
 - Brain Pop \$1615.50
 - Surface Backpacks – tabled due to more research required
 - Magnum Lighting for gym – to come from Principal Budget
 - Legends of Learning, estimate \$300
 - Trinity Software (Plagiarism) \$6600
 - Learning A-Z \$107.91
 - Personalized Worksheet \$205
 - Amy Dean – Prof. Dev. Sensitivity Training \$1900
 - Reading Program \$169

Information Items

- No report from Finance or Outreach
- PTO – Need Membership

Announcement and Adjournment:

- Next meeting will be Friday, October 12, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in Media Center. This meeting will be open for public comment.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.