

Northwestern Middle School  
School Governance Council  
August 24, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes

**Meeting called to Order at 8:04 a.m. by Deana Skimel, Appointed Staff.** Roll Call by Katherine Wickliffe. A quorum of members was present for the August 24, 2018 Council meeting held in Room 711.

**Attendance**

Charles Chester, School Principal	Mary Olson, Elected Teacher
Deana Skimel, Appointed Staff	Kevin Locke, Appointed Staff
Charles Lewis, Elected Parent	Tara Spolan, Elected Parent
Ashley Poston, Elected Teacher	Maria Lorza, Elected Parent
	Freddie Benschine, School Flexibility Governance

**Action Items:**

- Amended Agenda for August 24, 2018 meeting. Add a separate discussion for Funding – After 10 day count closed, Motion Approved – Charles Chester and Mary Olson.
- Approved Agenda with Amendment for August 24, 2018 meeting – Motioned Tara Spolan and Ashley Poston, vote unanimous.
- Approved Minutes for June 21, 2018 meeting – Motioned by Tara Spolan and Mary Olson, vote unanimous.
- Approved new members to SGC – Barbara Halbert, Community Representative, Kevin Locke, Staff Elected, Motioned by Deana Skimel and Tara Spolan, vote unanimous.
- Approved elected new officers – Kevin Locke-Chairperson, Ashley Poston-Vice-President, Tara Spolan-Parliamentarian - Motioned by Deana Skimel and Tara Spolan, unanimous.
- Approved budget committee officers – Deana Skimel-Chair, Ashley Poston, Charles Lewis and Kevin Locke- Motioned by Ashley Poston and Tara Spolan, vote unanimous.
- Approved communication committee officers- Tara Spolan-Chairperson, Mary Olson, Maria Lorza, Barbara Halbert – Motioned by Ashley Poston and Tara Spolan, vote unanimous.
- Approved principal selection committee- Kevin Locke, Ashley Poston, Maria Lorza and Charles Lewis
- Approve \$19,200. for Thomas Consultant Group for the purpose of affective support and protocol for Professional Learning Community– Motioned by Ashley Poston and Tara Spolan, vote unanimous.

**Discussion Items**

**Principal Update:**

- Welcome our new 7<sup>th</sup> grade Assistant Principal- Deana Skimel.
- First year in 10 day process we did not have to decrease staff. Principal Chester has money in reserve to support students.
- Starting a Wish List that aligns with Strategic Plan and items that will last 2-5 years.
- Released Scores – Students did very well compared to 2016-2017 school year.  
7<sup>th</sup> grade- Increased ELA 7 Math, 8<sup>th</sup> grade sustained performances; Math gains in overalls 2,3,4's; Science increased across the board - half class taking 8<sup>th</sup>, half taking high school, ELA gains 2,3,4's; Science gains 2,3,4's, high school 10% gains in 2,3,4's, Science and high school course lumped together made a 17% gain; AP courses increased in 3,4,5's

- Reading Increase Goal for the next 5 years. The Reading program has tripled to three general education reading teachers. All students will be supported within a school day because too many students have after school sports and activities to carry over.
- You will hear a lot about the WILDCAT WAY – This year we are using Intervention data and restorative practices before a situation gets to the office for discipline. PBIS Chair will look over data and see who is getting close to having to go to the office. Repeat offenders will have mentorship.
- All teachers will be infusing S.M.A.R.T. Goals in their activities.
- A 2<sup>nd</sup> Mini Curriculum Night for teachers that were absent.
- Staffing Update – Need an Administrative Assistant, paraprofessionals and Japanese teacher is hired and getting up and running

#### **Information Items**

- No report from Finance or Outreach
- PTO – Need Membership
- PTO wants to inform people not to park in numbered spaces because these are spaces that were sold

#### **Announcement and Adjournment:**

- Next meeting will be Friday, September 14, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 711.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.