

# Centennial High School Governance Council

Meeting Minutes -March 7, 2019

Learning Commons Conference Room

*(This meeting does allow time for public comment)*

**Centennial HS Strategic Plan Focus Areas:**

***Personalized Learning, Effective Instruction, Technology***

**Members Present:** Diane Jacobi, Kristin Sharpe, Tonya Smith-Dixon, David Smith, Linda Jones, Zachary Kroll, Anthony Newbold, Raquel Martinez, Malachi Cleveland, Tyler Ehrlich

**Guests Present:** Erin King

**7:31 am:** Call to Order

**Public Comment:** No public comment

Action Items

1. Approval of Agenda: Motion, Z. Kroll; Second, T. Ehrlich; unanimous vote
2. Approval of February 7, 2019, Minutes: Motion, T. Smith-Dixon; Second, R. Martinez; unanimous vote
3. Approval of Requests for Flexibility: Motion, L. Jones; Second, K. Sharpe; unanimous vote
  - a. CTAE Finance courses seat time waiver
    - i. Governance & Flexibility Feedback: Good
  - b. Professional Learning Days
    - i. Governance & Flexibility Feedback: need to consider need to pay bus drivers and cafeteria workers for the day; look into sharing cost for buses with feeder schools; schools that are split generally align with the cluster that the majority of their students will move into.
  - c. School Government Council Student Members
    - i. Governance and Flexibility Feedback: need to add terms

Discussion Items

1. Budget presentation and vote: Motion, R. Martinez; Second, T. Smith-Dixon; unanimous vote  
Discussion: \$13+ out of \$14 million budget for personnel; about \$500,000 for operational expenses; the budget continues the work of the Strategic Plan; Staffing for some areas (e.g. special education) is set by the state; a significant amount of money is set aside for professional development to help teachers work toward academic goals.
2. Set date for RFF public comment meeting  
A public comment meeting on the three pending RFFs will be held on March 21 from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. prior to the Principal Plug-in

## Information Items

### 1. Principal's Report

- a. CHS recognized by Georgia Legislature for response to vandalism and anti-Semitic graffiti. Representative Josh McLaurin provided a tour of the Capitol and recognition on the floor of the chamber for the school's response.
- b. Assessing faculty changes for 2019-2020 school year. There will be some vacancies in Special Education, which is an opportunity to bring in new talent for that department. Head coaches need to be FCS employees in order to meet supervision requirements when transporting students. Enrollment projections are at 1860 students, which is about the same as 2018-2019 school year. Centennial is looking at the possibility of esports teams, which have been approved by Georgia High School Athletics.
- c. The Will to Live program had a good turn-out. Dr. Newbold would like to present more programs on domestic violence in schools and substance abuse issues. T. Smith-Dixon requested that programming also take place during the school day and be presented school-wide to have the maximum impact.
- d. Discussed the Student Health Survey. The administration is looking at the numbers and the challenges presented by the survey results. They see a need for more education around all of the issues addressed in the survey. Some resources discussed were the approval of Summit Counseling for federal grant money in conjunction with Fulton County to provide mental health and suicide workshops. Also, the CHRIS 180 program which works with 13-24 year olds for intensive substance abuse treatment for free regardless of income. They also offer alcohol and drug abuse assessments. Students who are found in possession of drugs or alcohol at school are required to attend an Insight Drug Awareness program and may receive mental health check-ins afterward.

### **8:29 am:** Announcements and Adjournment: D. Jacobi, Chair

1. A committee is working on the details of the testing schedule being implemented in Spring 2019, including planning for the students who will arrive on the first bus but will not be testing as well as coordinating and evaluating the piloting of virtual learning assignments with a cohort of students for future testing periods.
2. School Governance Council elections will be open Monday March 11 through Monday March 18.
3. PTA District 10 Conference Saturday March 9; Keynote speaker: State Superintendent Richard Woods

### **Next Meeting:**

Thursday, March 21, 2019, 5:30 p.m., Learning Commons Conference Room  
Thursday April 11, 2019, 7:30 a.m., Learning Commons Conference Room