



WBMS School Governance Council Minutes

Date: May 15, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Rebecca Williams, Principal | Julianne Hunter, Appointed Staff | Jana Bernhardt, Teacher (Vice Chair) | Yvette Hampton, Teacher (Parliamentarian) | Michelle Hinton, Parent | Kimberly Wolf, Parent | Whitney Cresci, Community Member (Chair) | Julia Williams, Parent | Sue Moore, Community Member

Guests Present: Erin Schuler, incoming teacher representative and Cami Christensen, incoming parent representative

Council Meeting Norms:

- Operate with a focus on Clarity, Culture and Communication
- Be Prompt and Present
- Make student-driven decisions
- Silence cell phones
- Be respectful to others
- Actively and professionally engage in the Council work.

Call to Order

Ms. Cresci called the meeting to order at 9:08 am.

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Cresci to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hampton and approved unanimously. No voters abstained.

Approve Minutes

Chair Cresci motioned to approve the previous month's meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Moore and approved unanimously. No voters abstained.

Discussion Item: Quick Check In

The council members shared how everything was going as we navigate digital learning.

Discussion Item: Public Comments/Virtual Comments

Ms. Bernhard shared that there was a single virtual comment that stated students have been under a lot of pressure during remote learning.

Informational Item: Principal's Update

Principal Williams shared the following information:

- Hiring/Personnel Update – Ms. Williams shared updates on hiring and personnel. We are fully staffed and waiting on approval for Fulton county.

- Digital Learning Update/Feedback - Ms. Williams shared that digital learning has gone well at WBMS. Only a few students have incompletes and teachers are working with those students. Rigor feedback has been on both extremes. Some parents say there is not enough rigor and others say its too much. Ms. Williams' is gathering all suggestions and will use them to make plans for next year if we start the year virtually. The district will limit technology platforms next year to MS Teams and possibly Google. WBMS will transition to those two platforms until further notice from the district.
- Master Schedule/Course Recommendations Update - Ms. Williams shared that they have been working on the master schedule. We have all recommendations in and rising 8th graders have a chance to pick their top elective class choices.
- End of Year Wrap-up/Celebrations/Pick Up Items/Yearbooks – Ms. Williams shared that item pick up is going well. Bridging ceremony plans have been finalized and we are looking forward to celebrating our 8th graders. We are planning to end the year with a car parade on the morning of 5/22.

Discussion Item: Flexible Spending Update

Principal Williams shared that the fund have been exhausted, as planned. Funds were spent on professional development and teacher supplies/books for literacy. All funds were spent on items that are directly tied to our strategic plan.

Discussion Item: Council Self-Assessment & Principal Survey Results

Ms. Cresci shared our results and the council discussed the things that helped us excel to a 91% promoter score. Many agree that the support of Freddie Benschine has been invaluable. Areas of growth mentioned was to use our committees more often and increase communication to stakeholders. Moving forward, we plan to seek additional committee training opportunities and link the agenda to Friday notes.

Discussion Item: New Member Transition

- Celebrate Members rolling off SGC - Chair Cresci shared that Ms. Hunter, Ms. Bernhardt, Ms. Hinton, and Ms. Cresci are all rolling off SGC. We thank all of you for your service and dedication to our council. Ms. Wolf was reinstated and will serve another term.
- New Member Training Info - Chair Cresci shared that new member training information for Ms. Schuler and Ms. Christensen will be shared between now and July 1. Possibly virtually due to Covid19.
- Review Strategic Plan/Monitoring Tool - Chair Cresci shared the current monitoring tool. We have a few items that will not have results due to not having standardized testing scores. Additionally, the district has informed us that the People & Culture survey will not be sent out in May due to the different school environment caused by Covid19. We are proud to report that we currently have 32 business partners due to the efforts of Ms. Wolf. There is a banner displayed at our school to showcase our partners. All are encouraged to support our business partners during this economic downturn.

Discussion Item: Review School SGC Website for Audit

Ms. Hampton shared that our website complies with district guidelines.

Discussion Item: Set draft agenda for next meeting

Chair Cresci took notes on meeting agenda items. Next meeting will be run by Ms. Williams until we elect a new Chair and Vice Chair. Tentative SGC meeting was set for Friday July 17, 2020 at 9:00 am on MS Teams.

Action Item: Meeting Adjournment

Ms. Cresci motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hunter and approved unanimously. No voters abstained. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.