

Centennial High School Governance Council

Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2020 3:30 p.m.

(This meeting does allow time for public comment)

Members Present: Principal Campbell, Kelly Cave, Amy Hastings, Anne Johnson, Zachary Kroll, Sam Navarro, Gail Ritchie, Andrew Traub, Katie Troline

Members Absent: Chris Buechner, Raquel Martinez Weymouth Walker, Tamara McDuffie

Guests Present: None

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

II. Public Comments (two 2 min slots)

No public comments

III. Introductions

Anne Johnson introduced Sam Navarro, our new student SGC member.

IV. Action Items

A. Approval of the October 22, 2020 Agenda

A motion was made to approve the October 22, 2020 agenda by Katie Troline and was seconded by Zachary Kroll. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Approval of the September 2020 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Amy Hastings to approve the September 17, 2020 meeting minutes with the addition of the approved appointment of Gail Ritchie by Principal Campbell. The motion was seconded by Gail Ritchie. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Approval of Time Change for meetings

A motion was made by Anne Johnson to change the SGC meeting start times to 3:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Katie Troline. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. Discussion Items

A. Principal's Report

Principal Campbell commented on the past two weeks of full face-to-face instruction. Ms. Ritchie updated the council on the PSAT and SAT dates for October and January. Most colleges have waived the SAT for this year. Preparation for the SAT has valuable information. Practice test on College Board breaks it down. There are virtual options. It is completely free.

Principal Campbell discussed the End of Course Exams with possible reduced impact to grades. It is currently in negotiation with the State board and is not finalized.

Welcome new Assistant Principal Ashley Barker who was recently hired and will begin November 22nd. Thank you to Chris Buechner and Katie Troline for serving on the search committee. There is a 2nd Assistant Principal position open as Ms. Morrison will be leaving.

Teachers have done a great job transitioning from remote learning into the full face-to-face/remote learning hybrid. 60% of students are back in school. Teachers are meeting the needs of students, commending students who have returned for following all safety protocols. Students are doing a great job. The school is prepared to adjust to meet the needs of the students in whatever environment we are in moving forward and into the 2nd semester.

There was a council discussion regarding grading and the impact of remote learning on students. From a grading perspective, the original intent for the Incomplete (I) was to push students and to motivate them to eliminate it. It is not having effect that was intended. Those incompletes do not mean a free pass, yet there is no impact on a student's grade or how they are mastering materials. Discussion pursued around the percentages of traditional tests vs. writing essays, labs, or projects. Parents are feeling a disconnect throughout the district. Teachers mentioned formatives must be completed as a requirement to recover a test.

From a student perspective, Mr. Navarro agreed the Incompletes (I's) do not give alertness to get to outstanding work immediately as they do not directly affect students grades, thus there is no motivation to fix it. URL learning requires a lot of discipline. In school, students are forced to get the work done, but at home they can just push work back. Students are struggling with the discipline.

There is a desire to have flexibility in our grading practices related to COVID-19 and in the best interests of students. In the past there have been such requests. An example is with seniors being able to exempt 4 finals, EOC on certain days. (Hannah was not available to speak to this.) We are in agreeance there is an issue. Communications, possibly peer-to-peer may prove beneficial. SGC will help where leadership deems will prove positive.

Principal Campbell stated this situation is fluid with ongoing communications. Everyone is doing the best they can. There is a collaborative environment at CHS. Teachers have much more of a say through department chairs, and voices are being heard in the building under Mr. Campbell's leadership.

Mr. Campbell mentioned a partnership with council member Traub, his company A&S Culinary, and Mr. Buechner's classes creating production opportunities for students outside of the school. Mr. Traub mentioned two productions were complete and a third one was coming up. It is a win/win situation.

B. Student Members Update

The two SGC Committees were explained to Mr. Navarro. Ms. Johnson will send Mr. Navarro more information and share that same information with the other students to review.

C. Charter Dollar Discussion

There was a lengthy discussion about CHS needs in support of the strategic plan initiatives. Principal Campbell mentioned the scheduled enrichment period – 4th period block – a district mandate and requirement to meet the needs of students who need additional support due to credit deficiency, to increase reading levels, how to take tests, test prep, how to excel and enrich, to understand district supported electronic programs, to perform better in classes and in skills to help you across the board. There was discussion relating to various virtual platforms approved by FCS.

SGC parents did state concerns regarding more video instruction and logging time vs. direct instruction for those students face-to-face, and the possibility of added work for the teachers. Parents mentioned concerns for additional work for teachers and that their buckets are full. Mr. Navarro suggested students would rather have that time to study without the added pressure of one more thing added to their plates. This gives them time to work on current and past assignments they need to catch up on.

Principal Campbell mentioned the fee for the software would be approximately \$2500. The discussion was tabled for next meeting to give him the time to get an actual dollar amount. Principal Campbell and his staff will also continue to work toward a plan that their team deems best to implement for the 4th period block.

D. Set SGC Goals

The SGCs have been asked to look at one to two goals for the year based on the 4 pillars of the strategic plan. Th SGC members were asked to send Mrs. Johnson 1-2 SGC goals prior to the next meeting. We are tabling updating the strategic plan, since Dr. Looney may be making some changes to the district strategic plan. Our SGC suggested possibly focusing on Student Achievement and Community Collaboration; however, more discussions will occur at the next meeting. We will finalize our SGC goals at the next meeting as well.

E. New Member and Office Training Update

SGC members who have not completed training must do so. Hannah was not present at the meeting. Members needing to complete their training will contact Hannah directly.

VI. Action Items for November 19, 2020 Meeting

- A. Principal's Report
- B. Set SGC Goals (1-2)
- C. Chartered Dollars

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.