

Minutes from Northview HS School Governance Council Meeting on February 9, 2021 at 3:50 PM

Present: Lori Lahmann-Scullion, Brian Downey, Ashley Ulrich, Leena Smith, Janice Nam, Takisha Benning, Xiaojun Xu, Kathryn Albright, Heming Wu

Absent: Lynne Bombard, Mike Williams, Jesotofunmi Abimbola

Guests: Erin King

Call to Order by Lahmann-Scullion at 3:53 pm.

Approve Agenda:

Ulrich moved to approve; Xu 2nd. Agenda unanimous approval.

Approve Jan 2021 Minutes:

Smith moved to approve minutes; Ulrich 2nd. Minutes unanimous approval.

Review Meeting Norms:

Benning reminded the council of the meeting norms.

SGC Goal Setting Roadmap for SY20-21/Outreach and Communication Committee—Determine timeline and next steps:

Smith sent the council via email ahead of the meeting a list of ideas the committee collected/ brainstormed and overviewed them during the meeting, including laminated messages for classrooms, student-led videos, and others. Lahmann-Scullion suggested the committee narrow the focus to one or two actionable tasks for this school year. Downey agreed with Smith and Lahmann-Scullion that some are easy to start now, while others are more longterm initiatives that may need to just get started this year and look more to next year to tackle. Some items that we are doing immediately include changing email and newsletter signatures to include Northview United messaging, as well as laminated posters and bumper stickers/magnets. Looking to the next phase, Nam and other student council members are beginning the process of planning student-led response videos to the official Northview United video that will be released shortly. Other initiatives will be phased in later this year or next year.

Alignment of the School Budget with Strategic Outcomes/Budget Context and Strategic Priorities:

Downey overviewed the process that is used for determining budget allocations, based on projected student enrollment, and discussed factors that would impact that process for Northview. He also

discussed how that projected budget then gets used to cover a variety of costs, including staffing. More details will be discussed at the March SGC meeting.

SGC Election 2021- Review Upcoming Vacancies/Discuss plan for securing teacher and parent candidates:

Smith shared that the Outreach and Communication Committee will plan to meet soon and has an initial draft for outreach via email to parents and teachers to declare their candidacy.

Lahmann-Scullion added that two parent positions and one teacher position are up for election this year. Candidate declarations will be announced by Feb 26. Voting runs March 17-24, 2021.

Principal's Update:

Downey shared that on the afternoon of May 24, we currently should be able to host a graduation ceremony for our 2021 graduates. Additionally, NHS held an in-person PSAT opportunity for all students grade 9-11, and approximately 750 students chose to participate. The Fulton County school board will fund for all interested juniors to take the ACT in March this spring, and then in the fall, the school board will fund for those students to take the SAT at the start of their senior year.

Downey also discussed the issue of failing grades and incompletes from last semester. He explained the efforts that teachers, administrators, and counselors took to address this with students to try to address these issues and prevent them by the end of the semester. Just over 100 students were unable to complete one or more courses and received an "incomplete" for that course, which was equivalent to about 1.7% of all student courses that were incompletes. Compared to other schools, we were lower in the number of kids who could not complete all courses on time last semester—2.2% at JCHS, just over 3% at AHS, etc. In terms of students who earned a failing grade after completing a course, we had only 43 course failures from fall semester, which equates to less than 0.5% of all courses taken by students. On the flip side, 98% of all courses were successfully completed by students last semester.

Charter Funds Update:

Downey overviewed the funds that were spent this past year to support initiatives like art supplies and materials for Spanish classes. At this point, the school has spent about \$33,700 of our available charter funds.

Benning explained that we have a balance of \$59,000 at this point. The large-ticket requests discussed at the last month's SGC meeting included supports for Math, Chorus, and the Media Center at a total of \$42,500. Additionally, two new large-ticket requests have come in this month, for PE and for Newspaper, with a total of just over \$8000.

Charter Fund Vote:

Smith moved to approve the spending of charter funds on the five items reviewed; Ulrich 2nd. Approval was universal.

Set Next Agenda- Mar 9, 2021:

--Outreach and Communication committee update on progress with Northview United messaging.

--Committee update on progress for SGC elections.

--Budget update from Mr. Downey.

Meeting Adjournment:

Lahman-Scullion adjourned the meeting at 5:08 pm.