



## Woodland Elementary School School Governance Council Minutes

October 26, 2021  
7:30 AM  
Via Microsoft Teams

**SGC Members:** **Shavanda Toomer**, Principal; **Caroline Rawls**, Assistant Principal; **Mary Magas**, Teacher; **Jessica Penn**, Teacher; **Layla Cantlebury**, Teacher; **Latonya Tilton**, Parent; **Jeana Salman**, Parent; **Beatriz Pisani**, Parent; **Holly Loscavio**, Community Representative; **Judy Roseman**, Community Representative

**Attendees:** **Shavanda Toomer**, Principal; **Mary Magas**, Teacher; **Jessica Penn**, Teacher; **Layla Cantlebury**, Teacher; **Jeana Salman**, Parent; **Beatriz Pisani**, Parent; **Holly Loscavio**, Community Representative

Time	Agenda Item	Person in Charge
7:30	<b>Call to Order</b> 7:37	Beatriz Pisani
7:32	<b>Action Item: Approve Agenda</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Cantelbury 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Magas – all approved	Beatriz Pisani
7:35	<b>Discussion and/or Action Item:</b> Inform about the status of the SGC quorum. Determine if there is the need for a new election process to replace a Parent Member -Council members have been unable to get in touch with Latonya Tilton. We will need to replace parent representative. -communication will need to be prepared for parents to run in an election for the open spot. -Toomer will reach out to Jan Jackson and notify Pisani -Penn will search previous minutes for information about previous parent candidates	Beatriz Pisani/ All Members
7:45	<b>Action Item:</b> Appoint the Chair for: -Budget and Finance Committee Mary Magas -Outreach and Communications Committee Layla Cantlebury  1st: Toomer 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Loscavio – all approved	Beatriz Pisani
7:55	<b>Discussion Item:</b>	All Members

	<p>Review and discuss ideas on how to incorporate other languages and points of view into community outreach (this is a follow up from last meeting).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Class Dojo - ability to translate in numerous languages</li> <li>-Can create Google link to translate</li> <li>-Biggest need is for communication to be translated to Spanish</li> </ul>	
<b>8:05</b>	<p><b>Discussion Item:</b> Review and discuss of carpooling status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-carpool volume has decreased and timing is improving</li> <li>-There is a new traffic officer as of 10/22/21</li> </ul>	Beatriz Pisani / Shavonda Toomer
<b>8:15</b>	<p><b>Informational Item: Principal's Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-We have 930 students enrolled</li> <li>-Election Day is November 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-We are a polling cite, but it will be a regular attendance day</li> <li>- Students and staff will be separated from voters who will only have access to the cafeteria</li> <li>- ESPLOST (Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) is on voting agenda. Capital Plan 2027 Penny Increase vote would be for a 1 cent sales tax increase which would go to school funding. WES is still waiting for media center renovations from ESPLOST 2022. More information is on district website and has been included in outreach to Woodland families.</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Mask Mandate Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- COVID-19 cases are trending down in Sandy Springs and Johns Creek to below 11 cases/ 100,000</li> <li>-could be going to mask optional by next week</li> </ul> </li> <li>- staying steady with curriculum and instruction, and continuing to navigate SEL (social and emotional learning)</li> <li>-WES no longer receives Title I funding – In the past, Title I determiners were based on the number of students who qualify to receive free or reduced price lunch; however, all students in the district are now receiving free lunch and breakfast. Looking for another way to determine Title I qualification</li> <li>-STEM Teacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Looking into finding funding to hire a STEM teacher. This would enable specific STEM instruction/ PBL and allow teachers more planning. There are \$44,500 in charter funds, but the cost of the position would be \$60-65,000.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Shavonda Toomer
<b>8:25</b>	<p><b>Discussion Item:</b> How to improve the communication between teachers, staff, and parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-a parent has reached out to counselor and never heard back. Is this an isolated incident or are other parents having this issue?</li> <li>-Teachers are having long wait time from counselors.</li> <li>-There is an overall difference in behaviors as many of our younger students are in school for the first time.</li> <li>-Communication is going out, but it is unclear if it is necessarily being looked at.</li> <li>-Create a survey to determine preferred mode of communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-language, Thursday folder, demographics, teacher newsletter, grades of student(s)</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Pisani is willing to translate anything to Spanish if needed</li> </ul>	Beatriz Pisani All Members

<b>8:28</b>	<b>Informational Item: Set Next Meeting's Agenda</b> -STEM position update -update on parent names for election -Woodland's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee update	Beatriz Pisani
<b>8:30</b>	<b>Meeting Adjournment</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Cantlebury 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Salman – all approved	Beatriz Pisani

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