

Hartford Public Schools

Pathways Academy of Technology and Design 2 Pent Road, East Hartford, CT School Governance Council

Minutes

Call to Order: A council meeting of Pathways Academy of Technology and Design was held at Pathways Academy in East Hartford, CT on Wednesday, January 25, 2018. The meeting convened at 5:30pm. Members of the council in attendance were Mr. David Goldblum, Dr. Jessica Fitzgerald, Ms. Kenterra Carrion, Ms. Adelle Clark, Ms. Laurabeth Corey (moderator), Ms. Katie Boiteau, Ms. Zoriada Maldonado, Ms. Christie Machuca, Deborah Sacket, Hallock Yost, Ms. Karen Ennen, Ramiro Suarez, and Student Adreya Pastor. Members not in attendance were Cathy Bruzon, Luciana Miller-Williams, Bernie Sheridan, Aracelis Figueroa (student).

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the December 20, 2017 meeting were approved.

- a. Overview of SGC rules, guidelines and precepts facilitated by Ms. Laurabeth Corey. Volunteer to record minutes (Adele Clark) and pass along to secretary for the 2017-2018 school year: Ms. Kristyn Rosen (Design Faculty, not present).
- b. Meeting schedule will need to be minded in case of a snow day - we will need to reschedule as only the minimum number of meetings were scheduled
- c. Training Schedule - Board of Education requires training attendance to sit on an SGC committee. First training meeting of the year to be held on February 13th at 5:30 pm. Meeting will last 90 minutes and dinner and child care will be provided. Anyone who cannot make this first important meeting will be able to arrange a remote training session through Laurabeth Corey and Karla Cruz, training coordinator. Meetings/trainings will be throughout the year covering School Improvement Plans, workshops and other topics.

Chair or Principal Reports:

- a. Mr. Goldblum outlined the role of the budget with regard to the vital role of evaluating and preserving the school budget for the coming school year
- b. Budget is increasingly vital in the wake of the district restructuring initiatives for 2018 and on
- c. Preserving our budget is increasingly important in the hopes of preserving the integrity of the face of Pathways
- d. The budget drives the school the most and reviewing it is one of the SGC's most important roles
- e. Mr. Goldblum reviewed the specifics of the budget through a Google slides presentation

- f. The school budget is \$4.9 million annually and comes from mainly two sources: the GB (General Budget) which is funded by Hartford Public Schools and the Magnet money which is state funded. We also receive a number of other smaller grants as detailed in the budget presentation.
- g. The magnet allocations for the 2018-2019 school year is slated to be reduced by 7% (which is roughly a \$200k cut)
- h. Budget is grant funded as well

Committee Reports/Announcements:

- a. PTO committee report passed as there was no representation
- b. Open agenda item to keep lines of communication open with PTO representation to foster strong ties to the families and community

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Move to adjourn: Ms. Laurabeth Corey

Seconded: Mr. R. Suarez

The next council meeting is 02/21/18 at 5:30pm