

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, December 20th, 2017. The meeting convened at 5:30pm. Members of the council in attendance were Mr. David Goldblum, Dr. Jessica Fitzgerald, Ms. Kenterra Carrion, Ms. Kristyn Rosen, Ms. Adelle Clark, Ms. Laurabeth Corey (remote), Student Parker Beaupre (remote), Mr. Matthew Hay, Ms. Katie Boiteau, Ms. Christie Machuca, Ms. Karen Ennen, and Student Adreya Pastor. Members not in attendance were Ms. Zoriada Maldonado, Ms. Wendie DiCorcia, Ramiro Suarez, Cathy Bruzon, Luciana Miller-Williams, Hallock Yost, Deborah Sacket, Bernie Sheridan, Aracelis Figueroa (student).

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April 2017 meeting were approved as printed by Ms. Laurabeth Corey and distributed to the members of the council by Mr. David Goldblum for Ms. Zoraida Maldonado.

- a. Overview of SGC rules, guidelines and precepts facilitated remotely by Ms. Laurabeth Corey. Volunteer to take minutes and serve as secretary for the 2017-2018 school year: Ms. Kristyn Rosen (Design Faculty).
- b. PTO standing agenda item to create a cohesive and lateral dialogue for the 2017-2018 school year
- c. Meeting Schedule - observe the 45 minute parameter as a rule and obliged the minimum of six meetings for the school year. *Note on attendance:* attendance is mandatory and required to hold a seat on the SGC.
- d. Approval of new student: Adreya Pastor

Chair or Principal Reports:

- a. Mr. Goldblum outlined the role of the SGC with regard to the vital role of evaluating and preserving the school budget
- 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 reinstating the Magnet Theme Coach Position (in the hopes of reinstating it for the 2018-2019 school year)
- d. Currently, Pathways is the only HPS magnet school lacking this vital position
- e. The next two meetings will focus strictly on budget (01/17/18 and 02/21/18)
- f. The subsequent meetings will focus on school goals (03/21/18 and 04/18/18)

Committee Reports/Announcements:

- a. SGC Resources are set forth by the state of Connecticut, not the school or district and can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/6usy4gt>
- b. The responsibilities of the SGC include drafting, revising and reviewing budgetary concerns, as well as participating in candidacy searches as they relate to administrative roles, if the need should arise, etc.
- c. SGC is also responsible for evaluating and allotting Title I funding through the school community (ie. school event transportation for families, meetings, etc.)
- d. Please note: SGC is NOT responsible or permitted to discuss matters of contract, individual personnel matters, staff/student/family conflicts, etc. SGC serves like and “insurance policy” for the school
- e. Very important that SGC stay abreast of school happenings by reinstating the Magnet Theme Coach position
- f. Guidebook: all SGC members must participate in individualized trainings
- g. SGC meetings will follow the precepts of Robert’s Rule in format and procedure (basic meeting structure of “call to order”, etc.
- h. Note on SGC templates and where to find them (2nd to last page of guidelines packet)
- i. Trainings are mandatory: dates to be determined (Ms. Corey stressed the imperative nature of attending the first available training of the school year - a 2-3 hour session)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Move to adjourn: Ms. Laurabeth Corey

Seconded: Ms. Kristyn Rosen

The next council meeting is 01/17/18 at 5:30pm