

Pathways Academy of Technology & Design
School Governance Council Meeting 01/23/2019

MEETING MINUTES

Welcome and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm.

Roll Call: Mr. Michael Maziarz, Ms. Karen Ennen (Facilitator), Ms. Zoraida Maldonado, Ms. Joelle Figueroa, Ms. Amybeth Gustavson, Ms. Kenterra Carrion, Ms. Adelle Clark, Mr. Matthew Hay, Mr. Brian McGovern, Mr. Hallock Yost, Ms. Deborah Sackett, Ms. Jolise Reyes (on phone), Ms. Aracelis Figueroa (on phone), Ms. Edith Mwenelupembe (on phone)

Members not in attendance: Ms. Monique Sherer, Ms. Karen Perham-Lippman, Ms. Bernice Amponsah, Ms. Kristyn Rosen-Jacobs (due to reschedule)

Approval of minutes: A. Clark adopted the motion to approve minutes from December 19, 2018. A. Figueroa seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

Chair Updates:

K. Ennen attended a focus group at Central Office regarding District Models of Excellence (DME) priorities to foster stronger and deeper family and community partnerships. After listening to the various parents share their current experiences, Ms. Ennen thanked the teachers and staff at Pathways for the excellent job they do in communicating and fostering relationships throughout the school.

K. Ennen will e-mail members when information is posted on the SGC Drive.

SGC Subcommittee Reports:

Mission/Vision: – M. Maziarz reported that the leadership team would be meeting in depth about revising the school mission. M. Maziarz, M. Hay and H. Yost. Do we know who we are and what do we stand for? H. Yost discussed wiping the mission clean and starting fresh to make it our own mission and vision. M. Maziarz asked all SGC members to review the current mission/vision and bring suggestions to our next meeting.

Student Survey: Students participated in an anonymous survey regarding climate and culture at Pathways on December 20, 2019 during Advisory. M. Maziarz discussed and explained the results of the survey with SGC members. Overall, the results were very positive. The purpose of conducting the survey in the middle of the year is to allow Pathways Staff to work on resolving or improving issues in the middle of the year as opposed to waiting until the end of the year.

M. Maziarz performance as principal was overwhelmingly positive. 95.7% of students rated M. Maziarz as highly effective. There were 8 students rated him as “somewhat effective” or “not effective”. M. Maziarz indicated he wished he could track down these 8 students and gather more information as to why they felt that way.

M. Maziarz will start setting up small sessions with twelve to fifteen students in order to share results. There will be four or five sessions with mixed sessions (i.e. students who are doing well, students in the middle, students who struggle). The idea is to hear feedback directly from the students.

Next step, climate survey for staff and for parents. This should be out in the next few weeks (hopefully by February 1, 2019).

Budget Review:

M. Maziarz stated that there are no developments regarding the budget process. Schools are still meeting with their Central Office counterparts. There will likely be updates at our February meeting and all members are encouraged to attend the meeting in person, as there will likely be presentations on the smartboard.

Open/New Issues:

Student Government:

M. Maziarz reported that this initiative is moving along well. The Freshman class have already held their first meeting and plans are underway to get the other grades moving as well.

Open Action Items:

| Action Item | Stakeholder(s) | Date Range | Status |
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| Choice Fair Open Houses | All SGC members are encouraged to volunteer for at least one open house. | The next open house will take place on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm @ Conard High School in West Hartford. | Please email K. Ennen or M. Maziarz if interested in being a volunteer. There are two more Choice Fairs coming up in February. February 9, 2019: 10:00 – 100 pm at SMSA located at 280 Huyshope Avenue in Hartford. February 13, 2019: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Pathways. |
| Mission and Vision Statement of Pathways | All SGC members | All feedback should be submitted by February 1, 2019. | M. Maziarz requested that SGC members look at the mission and vision statement on the website. Any ideas, thoughts, comments and feedback |

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| | | | should be emailed to himself, H. Yost, or M. Hay. |
| Developing a Pathways Student Government | Pathways Community Getting students involved | In Progress | The ninth grade student government has already held their first meeting. |
| Community Member to represent SGC | SGC Members | Completed | A. Clark nominated Kennard Ray to be the community representative on the SGC. Mr. Ray is invited to next SGC meeting on February 23, 2019. |
| SGC Attendance Policy | SGC Members | Ongoing | A. Clark inquired as to whether there is a rule regarding missing SGC meetings. K. Ennen reported that she believed a person could not miss more than two meetings during an academic year. She encouraged all members to attend in person especially during February and March for budget discussion, as we will viewing graphics on the screen. |

PTO Update

M. Maziarz attended the meeting and gave the following update:

- Family Game Night - Friday, March 22, 2019 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- Arts and Crafts and Vendor fair at Pathways - Saturday, March 23 (tentative date) -
- Diversity Day: April 4, 2019 - business partners and parents are invited to school – further information TBD
- Field Day – (TBD) MDC is donating water bottles for field day.

The next PTO meeting scheduled for 2/13/19. B. McGovern and H. Yost are slated to attend. If unable to attend, please find someone to take your place.

| Date | Time | SCG Rep |
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| 02/13/2019 | 5:30 – 6:30 PM | McGovern/Yost |
| 03/13/2019 | 5:30 – 6:30 PM | Clark/Figueroa |
| 04/17/2019 | 5:30 – 6:30 PM | Hay/Sherer |
| 05/08/2019 | 5:30 – 6:30 PM | Carrion/Lippman |

Open to Floor

- K. Carrion discussed food donations for the food pantry. March 22 is the next Family Game Night. H. Yost suggested that families be encouraged to bring at least one non-perishable food item to the event to help stock Pathways food pantry.
- M. Hay now is able to drive the Pathways van. He has started a debate club that will have its first tournament next Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Daniel Hand High School in Madison, Connecticut. Anyone is welcome
- B. McGovern and K. Carrion reported that they finished the Race and Equity presentations with Pathways staff. The presentations were a discussion and not a PD. Follow up sessions will be held with teachers and students with dates yet to be determined.
- Suggestion made to offer Dress Down tokens to students who attend various school sponsored events. M. Maziarz was very receptive of the idea.
- K. Ennen asked if any teachers are interested in extending their term on the SGC for one more year. Currently all of the teacher’s terms expire at the end of this session. By agreeing to stay, it would help maintain a more stable SGC as there would not be as many new members starting the same year. M. Hay said that he would volunteer to extend his term. Please let her know no later than April 1, 2019. In addition, we will be looking for two new students to join SGC 2019 – 2020. A. Clark suggested looking towards the newly established student government for candidates.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm. A. Clark motioned to adjourn meeting and K. Carrion seconded the motion.

Next SGC Meeting: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 5:30 pm.