

Student Governance Council
 Pathways Academy of Technology & Design

MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2017

7:00 PM

PATHWAYS ACADEMY

MEETING CALLED BY	Laurabeth Ciaffaglione		
FACILITATOR	Laurabeth Ciaffaglione		
NOTE TAKER	Laurabeth Ciaffaglione		
ATTENDEES	Laurabeth Ciaffaglione Jessica Fitzgerald David Goldblum	Deborah Sackett Sue Silliman Ramiro Suarez	Cathy Bruzon Zoraida Moldanado

GENERAL BUSINESS		LAURABETH CIAFFAGLIONE	
DISCUSSION	November 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes discussed and approved.		
CONCLUSIONS	November 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes approved.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Post Minutes on Pathways Website	Jessica Fitzgerald	1/31/16	

OPEN ISSUES: SGC MEMBERSHIP		LAURABETH CIAFFAGLIONE	
DISCUSSION	SGC Bylaws state that the Co-Chair must be school Principal David Goldblum accepted role as Co-chairman. All approved appointment.		
	Discussed possible meeting time change to encourage new members. Strategy to hold SGC meeting immediately following PTO meeting to encourage PTO members to join SGC was unsuccessful.		
	SGC currently not at minimum membership requirements Will discuss further at future meeting.		
	<u>Up coming Meetings:</u>		
	February 15 th	7:00 - 8:00 pm	
	March 15 th	7:00 - 8:00 pm	
	April 19 th	7:00 - 8:00 pm	
	May 17 th	7:00 - 8:00 pm	
	June 7 th	7:00 - 8:00 pm	
CONCLUSIONS	David Goldblum is SGC Co-chairman. SGC currently not at minimum membership requirements. Recruiting efforts in place.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Continue to recruit SGC members	1.All SGC members	open	

PARTNERSHIPS		DAVID GOLDBLUM JESSICA FITZGERALD	
DISCUSSION	Partnerships: <u>Industry Advisory Board</u> : Great partners. Parents and community member involvement. Main purpose is to support our work based learning. <u>NAE</u> : Network of 700 Theme based academies. Supports project based learning. <u>Goodwin College</u> : Very generous. Offer free venue for Pathways, counseling, parking for		

	<p>school van. Promotes student interest in continuing higher learning. Drawback: A limited number of Pathways students can attend Goodwin because of cost (\$1,300/student per course.) Pathways is exploring other college course options.</p> <p><u>Travelers</u>: Partnership is growing. In prior years provided internships to students. \$150,000/year grant funds. Great support. Very involved. Current year additional \$40k for student counselors. Edge Program to provide college scholarships where seniors compete for 10 scholarships available to students with focus on first generation college students and low income students.</p> <p><u>High School Centers of Innovation</u>: 2 years ago blended learning experiment with Nellie Mae. Looking for ways to fund high school education in urban areas. Pathways is recipient of grant with High School Inc. and Hartford School of Engineering for personalized learning and project based learning. Funds several interns. Summer institute, laptops, Goodwin College courses. \$3M spread amongst 9 schools. Pathways actively seeking the available funds. Enables Pathways to expand rather than cut programs.</p> <p><u>Perkins Grant</u>: Federal Grant to support technology and Advanced Manufacturing. Applied for \$135,000 grant. Approval is likely.</p> <p>Looking to buy new computers to reduce or eliminate the leasing contracts on computers. Grant funds will allow for purchase of computers.</p> <p><u>Betances Stem(Middle School)</u>: Doing great. 50 students (most of the 8th grade class) has applied and most have applied as first choice. Can take up to 70 of the 120 Freshman from Betances Stem. (about half of freshman class). Should help create better continuity throughout the coming years at Pathways. Goal will be to create intentional inclusion plan for all students.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	Pathways has strong partnerships and is growing existing partnerships and pursuing new partnerships.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
none			

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES		DAVID GOLDBLUM JESSICA FITZGERALD	
DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs – recruiting at beginning of year. 12-14 clubs • Student leadership is up. • Robotics club is number one club this year. Used as marketing tool. Worked to bring new level of organization. • Music club: New this year. Good interest and participation • Transportation is issue for some students. • Peer mentoring • Would like to increase club membership. • Mid-year push to increase membership. • Student ambassadors for SGC membership. 		
CONCLUSIONS	Pathways is continuing to strive for increased student involvement in clubs and to create a more robust after school program.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-year push to increase membership • Seek student ambassadors for SGC membership. 	Jessica Fitzgerald	TBD	

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