

Student Governance Council
 Pathways Academy of Technology & Design

MINUTES

AUGUST 24, 2016

6:00 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 Laura Victore

GENERAL BUSINESS

LAURABETH CIAFFAGLIONE

DISCUSSION	Ramiro Suarez, Laurabeth Ciaffaglione and David Goldblum met over the summer to discuss the purpose and expectations of the Student Governance Council. Established a preliminary agenda of topics to be covered at each meeting for the current year. Schedule of topics as follows:	
	August	School Overview: Review of School Population, Staffing, Budget, Calendar and School Improvement Plan Goals for 2016-17, SCG Training, SCG Meeting Standards, SGC Board Membership
	September	Communications Plan: Website, PowerSchool, Portal, Facebook, SchoolMessenger, Other Outreach; etc.
	October	School Achievement Data: State Accountability Data; Standardized Test Results, etc.
	November	Parent Involvement: Data to date and Plans going forward; Parent Surveys
	December	Partnerships: Industry Advisory Board; and NAF; Goodwin College; Travelers; High School Centers of Innovation and Nellie Mae; Betances Stem; PTO and Others
	January	Extra-Curricular Activities:
	February	Budget 1 – Presentation and Discussion
	March	Budget 2 – Resubmission and Approval
	April	Planning for Next Year – Election of Officers
	May	End of Year Review 1
	June	End of Year Review 2

Currently the board is short 2 parents and one teacher.
 We will recruit for new members at the September PTO Meeting
 Current Members:

Name_First	Name_Last	Email	Capacity
Marie	Harvey	marie_b_harvey@sbcglobal.net	community
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Robert	Morrison	itmassage@gmail.com	parent
OPEN	OPEN		parent
OPEN	OPEN		parent
Deborah	Sackett	deborah.sackett@thehartford.com	parent
Sue	Silliman	sillysuer@cox.net	parent
Ramiro	Suarez	mtrman13@gmail.com	parent
Parker	Beaupre	parker.beaupre@outlook.com	student
Cameron	Martin	cameron.martin1055@gmail.com	student
Jessica	Fitzgerald	BONVJ001@hartfordschools.org	teacher
David	Goldblum	david.goldblum@hartfordschools.org	teacher
Eric	Martin	eamcam04@aol.com	teacher
OPEN	OPEN		teacher
Laura	Victore	Laura.Victore@hartfordschools.org	teacher
Patricia	Washington	WASHPO02@hartfordschools.org	teacher

Meeting minutes will be taken by Laurabeth Ciaffaglione and will be emailed to all members prior to next meeting.
 Minutes will be approved at following month meeting and will be posted on the Pathways website by Jessica Fitzgerald.

CONCLUSIONS	Looking forward to a successful and meaningful year of the SCG	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Recruit new members at September PTO Meeting	Laurabeth Ciaffaglione	9/21/16

REVIEW OF SCHOOL POPULATION		DAVID GOLDBUM	
DISCUSSION	Population as of 8/1/106 422 total (223 Hartford, 199 Suburban) lottery has brought in more suburban students. Goals: to be 25-30% non-minority and 50% Hartford resident. Currently Pathways is in compliance.		
CONCLUSIONS	As of today 222 Hartford, 198 Suburban. Pathways is currently 5 over in Hartford and 1 under in suburban student. Lottery today offered 6 seats to suburban students		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
NONE			

BUDGET		DAVID GOLDBUM	
DISCUSSION	Staffing – how has enrollment effected staffing. Initial budget based on enrollment. Current enrollment increased Enrollment. RESULT: Added back .5 social worker. .5 English teacher to reduce class size for freshman and junior classes. Brought back 2 part time SPED teachers; Caseload larger than neighbor schools. Will help with caseload. Returning Part Time: Debbie Leonard, Lenore Mullady, Audrey Peczka		
Potential additional sources of funds: Perkins Grant – to add additional TechEd teacher. Nellie May Foundation requested just over \$100k expect half of requested funds. Community Activities Van Donated – holds 14 people. Encouraging teachers to get license to drive van			
CONCLUSIONS	Expectation is to be able to do many extra activities with additional funding and community van		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
NONE			

STAFFING		DAVID GOLDBUM	
DISCUSSION	PRIOR YEAR STAFF	NEW STAFF	POSITION
	Kelli Cauffman	To be filled by first day of school.	
	Laurie Lipari-Sllvan	Kenterra Carrion	Social Worker
	Charles Silvan	Eric Soucy	PE
	Jennifer Simmons	Bernadette Amoroso (Guidance)	Guidance
	John Griffin	Mike Retano	Manufacturing and robotics
	Marie Santoni	Leslie Sosa	SMSA
	Dmitry Sherman	NOT being replaced	
	Karen Connelly	Harriet Tsombanos (nurse)	Nurse
	Kareem Parks	Ellen Frankel (IT Technician / SPED)	IT Technician prior SPED current year
	Marcus Hayes	John Joy (Cafeteria Manager)	Cafeteria Manager
	Kevin Conneely	Ron Paradis (Janitorial)	Janitorial
	Bonifacio Castro	Jana (Janitorial)	Janitorial
	NONE	Elliot Reed (Janitorial)	Janitorial
CONCLUSIONS	Expected to be fully staffed before first day of school.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
NONE			

CALENDAR		DAVID GOLDBUM	
DISCUSSION	CALENDAR SET for entire year to coincide with PTO meeting All meetings will be from 7-8 pm immediately following the PTO Meetings. Except November which will be from 8-9pm		
DATE	SCG MEETING TIME	PTO MEETING TIME	
September 21 st	7:00 - 8:00 pm	6:00 – 7:00 pm	
October 19 th	7:00 - 8:00 pm	6:00 – 7:00 pm	
November 16 th	8:00 – 9:00 pm	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Note time change
December 21 st	7:00 - 8:00 pm	6:00 – 7:00 pm	
January 18 th	7:00 - 8:00 pm	6:00 – 7:00 pm	
February 15 th	7:00 - 8:00 pm	6:00 – 7:00 pm	
March 15 th	7:00 - 8:00 pm	6:00 – 7:00 pm	
April 19 th	7:00 - 8:00 pm	6:00 – 7:00 pm	
May 17 th	7:00 - 8:00 pm	6:00 – 7:00 pm	
June 7 th	7:00 - 8:00 pm		
CONCLUSIONS	Anticipated increased attendance at SGC meetings due to coordinating with PTO schedule		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
NONE			

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN DAVID GOLDBLUM

DISCUSSION	LITERACY Goal is to raise standards of English performance while at Pathways. 90% of college freshman fail ACCUPLACER and have to take remedial English as a college freshman. Pathways integrated remedial course for 1 st year college students into HS sophomore English to prepare students for College English 101. Prior year 21 sophomores got B+ or better and are attending Goodwin. In 2016-17 35 students will take Goodwin English. All Juniors in Pathways English will have opportunity to attend Goodwin in senior year. Increase SAT average from 455 to 500		
	MATH Goal increase grade of C or better from 89% to 95% in Algebra I. Increase SAT average from 434 to 475.		
	COLLEGE – all students to create college and career readiness goals. Increase number of students accepted to 4 year college from 70 to 75% and 20% accepted to 2 year college.		
	CULTURE AND CLIMATE – students will be respectful, responsible and have a safe school climate. Goal: Reduce discipline referrals by 50% and decline in tardy rates and truancy. Working diligently toward better attendance.		
CONCLUSIONS	Working toward improved test results and college acceptance and a good school environment.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
NONE			

SCHOOL OVERVIEW DAVID GOLDBLUM

DISCUSSION	80 students and 30 Parents attended Summer Bridge for freshman and new sophomores. Freshman class 113.		
CONCLUSIONS	One staffing position open. New staff very qualified		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
NONE			

7:00 PM MEETING ADJOURNED