

Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 9th, 2018
New Century School – Governance Council
4:00 – 6:00 pm at NCS

Attendees: John Porco, Hannah Bassetti, Kim Wroblewski, Jennifer Bradley, Jennifer Klawiter, Betsy Purpero, Rikki Conwell, Ann Princl, Leigh Schmidt

Approve September minutes: ([Link](#)) Motion: Jennifer Bradley, second: Kim Wroblewski

Sharing GC Minutes: Leigh will combine Agenda and Minutes into one Google Drive folder, Ann will share that with staff: [Folder is HERE](#).

Curriculum and Instruction Committee: Betsy will lead.

How can GC be supportive of teachers? This committee will not be expressing opinions about teaching to teachers. Role is to know what's going on and what's being decided.

John will attend next meeting of CIT. What are the CIT goals? How are they unique within the district?

Teachers will review data for their own classrooms for Student Learning Objective (SLO) goal creation.

Teachers are creating Professional Practice Goals (PPG) related to Personalized Learning. These may be funneled into CIT goal creation.

Will GC create its own goals? That would fall under Community Development. Consider whether that (and other non-instructional goals) would be part of the CIT goals we send to the district? Relate back to district pillars, they are not all instruction-related. **GC members:** Formulate ideas for non-instructional CIT goals before November GC meeting.

Community Development: Leigh will lead, needs shadow

Service: Hannah is leading

Transition (Ad Hoc): John is leading

After School (Ad Hoc): In search of a parent to take the lead. A few helpers have come forward, but no firm commitment to leading. We need to nail down what we're looking for and then actively recruit a lead volunteer.

NCS District Fact Sheet: We like [John's edits](#). Should the bottom paragraph be the district pillars? No- District has not widely shared those yet, so they should not be included. **Staff, we'd love your input, ideally in the next week.** We need it finalized in time to send to copy shop for district Expo on 11/3.

VASD Kids Expo: November 3, 9am-2pm. Keva planks for activity. We need volunteers. Leigh will contact people who expressed interest in community development, tours, marketing. We need marketing materials for this.

Back to School Night: What's the goal, what are parents' expectations, how do we communicate that? Many parents were looking for feedback on their individual child, this format is not the appropriate time/place.

Future Schools: Nothing to report, waiting for information from board members who are working to streamline the re-chartering process. How much should we move forward before we know their process and expectations? 10/22 next meeting? Location and time TBD

Enrollment: No change, 123 students, 3rd Friday count shows actual enrollment. Teachers are actively seeking out professional development opportunities. Is there 501c3 funding available?

Directory: No new information, no school-wide directory yet. Room parents have found workarounds for contacting their classroom families

CIT: Streamlining the process of goal creation- Process looks different at NCS as a smaller school

2020 move: Working toward purging items NOW, only move things we need/will use. Working on big picture logistics: Where will buses go? Where will playground be? What do we want to keep from current K-wing? Outdated lockers will be removed and replaced with cubbies/shelves and hooks. Front entrance is being reworked for safety. Students will be included in playground design choices. Next up: locations for K/1 rooms, art, and office.

Staff update:

- Reassure staff that GC will *not* be creating instructional CIT goals. GC role is in how those goals will be communicated to the public. Review other schools' CIT goals. How do we base goals on data when the only data we have is in Reading and Math? PPG goals need to align with Personalized Learning, but where is space for teachers' own goals? Redefine "data"- What forms of data are acceptable?
- Paper use monitoring from district: "PaperCut" program keeps track of teachers' in-school (non-copy-shop) paper use. Teachers get pop-up notification for each use of paper. This can result in some printing needs getting transferred to families, as teachers look for ways to minimize printing some items for review work at home, and instead are considering emailing them to parents.. Teacher Union is involved and monitoring this. GC members feel this is disrespectful to teachers, akin to "shaming." Having families print items at home is not equitable- VASD's new Strategic Pillar #5 relates to equitable resource allocation. Teachers are (as always) being mindful of paper use and will continue to be. GC will follow this and be available to advocate for and support our teachers and staff as appropriate.

November Agenda Items

Marketing, Tours

Follow up on teacher copy issue

What is GC role as intermediary between staff and VASD?

Parking Lot for future meetings

Back to School Night

Motion to adjourn: Jennifer Bradley, second Rikki Conwell