



Chamblee High School
Principal Advisory Council Minutes
January 11, 2022, 7:15 – 8:00am

The Chamblee High School Principal Advisory Council met January 11, at 7:15am, via Zoom

Attendance/Establishment of Quorum

Council Members Present: G. Barnes (Principal); D. Martin-Gerstle, Chair (Parent); K. Feaster, Secretary (Parent); K. Landers (Teacher); L. Axelson (Parent)

Council Members Absent: A. Milne, Vice Chair (Teacher), B. Concepcion, resigned (Parent)

Additional Attendees: K. Brooks (Student, representing Blue & Gold), L. Burko (Teacher), M. Cabrices (Teacher), A. Cloud (Teacher)

Establishment of Quorum: With 4 voting members present at the start of the meeting, a quorum was established. Call to order at 7:18am.

Public Comment:

- Additional attendees introduced themselves, as did PAC members (due to our larger than typical number of visitors). All visitors indicated they were there to observe.
- No emails received to the PAC chair email address.

Action Items

Approval of Minutes from Previous PAC Meeting

- K. Feaster distributed the December 14, PAC Meeting Minutes & Summary via email.
- D. Martin-Gerstle requested a change to the December draft minutes in the CMP discussion; a location for an Early Learning Center (ELC) for Region 1 had not yet been identified vs. 'off the table', as was initially noted.
- L. Axelson motioned to approve the minutes. D. Martin-Gerstle seconded the approval. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

- D. Martin-Gerstle distributed the agenda prior to the meeting.
- L. Axelson motioned to approve the agenda. K. Feaster seconded the approval. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Informational Items

Principal's Report: Principal Barnes

Enrollment Numbers: 1751 (typical to see some movement due to family moves over the holidays, but overall stable).

CHS Staffing Update:

- Still have a need for another custodian, 2 paras and a nurse.
- Special Ed teacher started January 6. Mr. Mann moved from New York.
- Can always use more staffing in Special Ed.



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- Transfer window within the district will open soon. Will then move into hiring for the 2022 – 2023 school year.

Title 1 Update:

- Waiting on POs.
- Credit recovery beginning late January through Spring Break.
- Summer school is tough for many kids for credit recovery because the students need a break, but also find there are many students that thrive in the summer. Hours are tough, as 60 hours are required to make-up 0.5 credit / 120 hours to make-up 1.0 credit.

COVID Update

- 12 staff members (9 teachers) are out related to Covid (quarantine or isolation).
- School has been notified of 2 students under quarantine protocol since return to in-person, yesterday (Monday, 1/10).
- Surveillance testing from the county is set to begin on Tuesday. Approximately 20 students have signed up. Waiting on additional sign-up opportunity from the county.
- Expect continued transportation issues as we face bus driver absences, as well.

CSIP Review

- CSIP (Continuous School Improvement Plan)
- 2 Priorities for CHS: Literacy across all curriculums & Graduation Rates
- No comments, currently.
- Revisit in agenda planning of next meeting to ensure A. Milne did not have feedback.

Region 1 Meeting - Updates

- D. Martin-Gerstle & L. Axelson attended Region 1 meeting with Ms. Peach, Tuesday 1/4.
- L. Axelson discussed highlights of that meeting.
- Covid – The primary goal of the district was to get the kids back in school.
- CMP review questions specific to CHS:
 - D. Martin-Gerstle asked about moving 1 school (Ashford Park) out of CHS attendance but moving 2 schools in (Hightower and new Shallowford K-8). No explanation was given of how that makes the attendance numbers 'work'.
 - Concern expressed about athletic field space at CHS. Overall feeling/response was that while space is limited at CHS, we are still better off than many other schools within the district. There is no long-term plan for any athletic field expansion for CHS. There is a potential to look at more usage of the stadium now that Dunwoody High School has a turf, full-size practice field.
 - Continued discussions regarding the new K-8 model of schools, particularly the new school at the Chamblee/Shallowford site that will fall in the CHS attendance zone.
 - CMS is unique in that it has room vs. the elementary schools in the cluster do not have open capacity. Most middle schools within the district are maxed out, as well, leading to some of the K-8 schools.

Discussion Items.

PAC Member Replacement for B. Concepcion



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- B. Concepcion has resigned via email to the CHS PAC members, as she has moved to Savannah and her children are no longer registered at CHS.
- D. Martin-Gerstle motioned to accept the resignation and K. Landers seconded the motion. B. Concepcion's resignation was accepted unanimously.
- In order to fill the PAC spot, reviewed original ballot for PAC members in vote held last spring. The district assigned the 2 individuals with the top number of votes to 2-year terms and the other 2 PAC members to 1-year terms, as this is the inaugural year of the CHS PAC.
- B. Concepcion was assigned a 2-year term. D. Martin-Gerstle received the next highest number of votes, after B. Concepcion, and was assigned a 1-year term.
- D. Martin-Gerstle motioned to change her term from a 1-year to 2-year term and to reach out to the 5th top vote receiver in the spring PAC election (M. Ochoa) to offer a 1-year term to the CHS PAC. L. Axelson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- Principal Barnes will provide the appropriate contact information to D. Martin-Gerstle to invite M. Ochoa to fill the PAC vacancy.

Possible Ex Officio Member Additions

- Table this discussion until the February PAC meeting when A. Milne is in attendance.

CMP Updates – CMP PAC Meeting

D. Martin Gerstle attended the CMP PAC specific meeting. All PACs within DCSD were represented.

- Again, the question was asked how moving Ashford Park out of the CHS cluster but moving Hightower and the new K-8 Shallowford school into the CHS cluster solved any overcrowding at CHS.
 - Hans Williams with DCSD, indicated that with the addition of the Sequoyah cluster there will be "massive redistricting".
 - General feeling among the PAC is that this "massive redistricting" is at least 2-3 years out.
- Changes for Fall 2022
 - Wadsworth will become 4-8th (magnet school for high achievers), as they currently have the capacity for this.
 - Cary Reynolds will move to the old Nancy Creek location.
- HVAC and roof replacement at several schools is work that has been started and will continue.
- The CMP will be voted on or specific pieces of it (although different than in the past, there won't be multiple options presented) at the February School Board meeting.
 - There appears to be some discussion that an Executive Committee from within the school board may be created to review the CMP and follow-up on many of the open questions.
- The DCSD CMP Committee indicated that letters from PACs and clusters carry a lot of weight, and the committee is willing to meet with individual PACs/clusters.
- Discussion over the next steps for the CHS PAC and our position on the CMP
 - Consensus was to follow back with the Ashford Park PAC to offer our support



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- K. Feaster to follow-up with Ashford Park PAC to obtain their survey results.
- Ashford Park PAC has requested an individual meeting with the DCSD CMP Committee.

Additional Items

- There were no additional discussion items.

Adjournment

D. Martin-Gerstle moved to adjourn the meeting. L. Axelson seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 a.m.

Develop Agenda for Next Meeting

- CSIP Review (any follow-up from A. Milne)
- Student Government & PTSA Participating in PAC

Next Meeting Date/Time: The next meeting of the Council is planned for Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 7:15am, via Zoom.