

*"The mission of CCHS is to foster excellence by promoting the intellectual, social, moral and physical growth of every student."*

### **Opening and Introductions – Pradeep Agrawal, Chair**

The General Meeting of the Chamblee Charter High School Governance Council was called to order on October 5, 2012 in the Media Center at 7:09 am by Chairperson, Pradeep Agrawal. Members and visitors were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A Motion was made to approve the September 7, 2012 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded. September 7 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

### **Principal's Report – Dr. Lowery**

- Monthly attendance report submitted, distributed and will be maintained.
- Current enrollment 1264; 95.5% of teachers posting attendance (up from 84.7% last month)
- Annual Charter Report 2011-2012 submitted according to timeline
- Annual School Council Training signature logs needed.
- CSIP status/signature logs
- Furlough day for 10-and 11-month employees – Oct. 8; no school for students
- Week of Oct. 8 is Fire Safety Week; Statewide Fire Drill - Oct. 10
- PLASCO Trak Student Tracking System update - training in progress
- Benchmarks=EOCT subjects; SLO's – Student Learning Objective=non-EOCT subjects
- First Pizza with Principal – Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>; informative and positive
- Homecoming game/parade this evening!

### **Student Spot light** - Ms. Farrey introduced the spot light student – James Hanley

It is my pleasure to introduce this month's Spotlight Student, James Hanley. James is a Senior at CCHS, and has been in the Magnet Program for High Achievers since fourth grade at Kittredge. James is the epitome of the successful student athlete. He manages a very challenging academic schedule which includes 4 AP classes this year, while starting as a defensive end on the CCHS Bulldog Football team. (Hopefully all of us will be at tonight's Homecoming game and can cheer James, #50, and all our Bulldogs on to their fifth consecutive victory!)

Outside the classroom, James has been an active member of the CCHS Student Government Association since tenth grade, serving as Junior Class President and as President of this year's Cabinet. He was a founding member of the Philosophy Club and has served as Vice President and current President. James is also active at his church and is proud to serve as President of his Youth Group.

James plans to major in Psychology and Economics in college next year. His top college choices are Harvard and Wesleyan.

James was recommended as Spotlight Student by both Dr. Lowery and Coach Allen Johnson. He is bright, kind, polite, hardworking and a respected student leader. When asked if he would speak as our Spotlight Student today, James said "I'd be honored". Thank you, James, for your sharing your Chamblee experience with us.

**James Handley:** Defensive end for the CCHS football team, Magnet student, SGA, Jr. class President. I have 2 older sisters and parents that are very active. Not out of touch with the normal student.

Obstacles include time management, avoiding peer pressure, and being responsible for you. CCHS allows him to become a better student and person. He is pleased with his professional growth. Teachers teach life skills.

### **Blue and Gold Foundation – Nancy Farrey**

The Blue & Gold Foundation was founded in 2004 as a 501c3 non-profit organization. Our mission is to raise funds to support Chamblee Charter High School and the greater Chamblee community.

Our Board of Directors is led by Executive Director and former CCHS Principal Cheryl Finke. The Board includes parents, alumni, teachers, CCHS administrators, community leaders and other supporters of Chamblee Charter High School.

A list of the many projects completed and grant request approved by the Blue & Gold Foundation for last year is attached. The Blue & Gold Foundation depends on donations to support our mission on behalf of CCHS faculty and students.

All are invited to our annual CCHS Hall of Fame Dinner to be held on Thursday, November 1, 2012 at the Holiday Inn Perimeter at 4386 Chamblee Dunwoody Road. Tickets are just \$50 and must be purchased in advance. All proceeds from the Hall of Fame Dinner benefit CCHS. Please contact Nancy Farrey at [nfarrey@comcast.net](mailto:nfarrey@comcast.net) to purchase a ticket, to make a donation, or to suggest a project. Thank you for your support.

The 2012 inductees for the CCHS Hall of Fame are:  
Gwyned Bius, Former Faculty and Coach, National Gymnastics Judge  
Laura Hauck Covington, Class of 1997, Attorney, Vice President of Yahoo  
James Hamm, Class of 1967, Founder of Special Populations Tennis, US Tennis Coach for Special Olympics 2011  
George Ivey Jr, Class of 1938, Founder of Ivey Construction, builder of homes, schools, Lake Lanier, rebuilt Chamblee HS after it burned during World War II  
Ben Niles, Class of 1983, Award winning documentary film maker, graphic artist and designer of album covers  
Michael Wilkie, Class of 1974, Former police chief of Acworth, 25 years of law enforcement work, believes in giving back to the community

Please join us! Thanks for your support.

(please see attachment: Projects Funded by the Blue & Gold Foundation During 2011-2012)

### **New Governance Council Members**

Pradeep requested that GC members sign up for a committee. Committee sheets were distributed. The following member was voted in by the GC: Suzanne Folger

### **Committees**

**Charter Rewrite:** Denise Warner, Chair

- Encouraged parents to be involved and attend GC and Charter rewrite committee which will meet every other Thurs. at 7 a.m. in the media center.
- Waivers and ideas: determine if it's to be waived by state or county.
- Meeting with teachers in November: importance of waivers and need as much input as possible from teachers.
- GA Charter School Amendment – does not affect Conversion Charter Schools. The history of new charters is deemed unconstitutional due to lack of local control. If start up charter denied, state can say yes and what happens is funds are taken from local government.
- Denise Warner's contact information: [dmwarner@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:dmwarner@dekalbcountyga.gov)
- Next charter rewrite meeting: 10/25/2012 (meet every other Thurs. at 7 a.m.)

**Construction** – David Tench, Chair

- Contact information: [dtench@gstj.com](mailto:dtench@gstj.com)
- Submitted aerial photograph of construction dated 9/25/12
- Submitted Construction Milestone Schedule. Phase I – Academic, Gymnasium, Natatorium and Parking target and finish dates. Phase II – Auditorium, Arts, Sports Fields target and finish dates.

**STEAM Committee:** Nancy Kelly, Chair

- Nancy and Beverly Moon met with Ms. Jackson (Principal) and Mr. Childs (AP) regarding STEAM focus.
- Nancy along with other STEAM committee members met with Dr. Gilda Lyons w/ the State to outline the STEAM proposal and pathways. Overall, Dr. Lyons was pleased and interested in the progress.
- Grant writing meeting 10/8 at CCHS. Needs are for near and long term, Equipment, etc.
- Grant writing skills are very important. Beverly Moon expressed the importance of attendance at the STEAM committee meetings by GC members, professionals, parents, etc.
- Pradeep Agrawal met Theresa McCartney on flight home from Washington. Theresa is the Deputy Superintendent for State. Discussed SLO – state mandate can't be waived. She offered to come to school. Agreed it was a pilot program

that places extra burden on teachers and schools. Teachers' evaluation is here to stay and the effort is on to find ways to improve the evaluation while lessening the burden on teachers' time. RT3 proposals – spoke to her about STEAM and she was pleased. Explained RT3 proposal denied at county level and SLO – pre-assessment/post assessment for courses with no EOCT. More subjective than objective.

Contact Nancy Kelly: [drewkellyatl@bellsouth.net](mailto:drewkellyatl@bellsouth.net) for STEAM Committee meeting involvement and interest. We are developing path ways for our students.

**Discipline & Safety:** Leslie Marwitz, Chair

- Distributed Discipline Infraction report. This report comes from Discipline Office but also need report from attendance office for proper reflection of infractions.
- Working on how to tie into Charter
- Teachers now handling most discipline problems in classroom.

**Character Development:** Ruth Kinney, Chair

- Plans to meet with Sarah Pannill to receive survey and discuss agenda items.

**New Business**

- The Governance Council is looking for additional new member nominations from the PTSA and Committee Chair person volunteers.
- The GC is seeking a Secretary to serve on the Executive Council. Sarah Pannill resigned after returning to home school.
- Student representatives for GC to be appointed through SGA – Steve Rubino, Chair.

The CCHS General Council meeting was adjourned at 8:00 am by Pradeep Agrawal, Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Moon, Vice Chair