

The Mission of CCHS is “to foster excellence by promoting the intellectual, social, moral and physical growth of every student.”

The General meeting of the Chamblee Charter High School Governance Council was called to Order on May 6, 2011 at 7:07 a.m. by Chairperson Darlene Copeland.

Welcome & Introductions of everyone present.

Dr. Jessica Hunt submitted the 2010-2011 Mathematics Team Major Mathematics Competitions Accomplishments.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the April 1, 2011 meeting minutes was made and seconded. April 1, 2011 meeting minutes were approved.

Spotlight Student: Parth Agrawal

Parth is the 2011 CCHS High Achiever Magnet Program Valedictorian. He has been a magnet student since 4th grade, and is a member of the National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society and the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). He is committed to community service throughout DeKalb County, and recently came in 2nd in an FBLA State Tournament. He is a recipient of a scholarship through the Seven Oaks Foundation. Parth informed the Council that there are two characteristics that make Chamblee Charter High School special. The first is the high level of course offerings, which allows every student a chance to be challenged and meet their potential. The second is the unique dynamic environment of magnet and resident students. Parth will attend Rice University in the fall and will major in Chemical Engineering.

Principal's Report: Dr. Rochelle Lowery

Dr. Lowery offered her thanks to Parth and his parents. She also thanked the Governance Council for making the extra effort to participate in school programs, such as the construction committee. There are currently 1,390 students at CCHS and 88 students at the Annex. Next year, the Annex will be closed. The Senior Honors Program will take place on May 15th. Rodney Jones, Chamblee and Georgia Tech will speak at the 9th grade academy. The school administration has initiated a trophy inventory to keep record of what we have and know where it will be packed and stored.

Committee Reports:

Discipline and Safety:

Presented by Belinda Wedgwood. She is going to follow up with Ms. Leopard regarding the discipline and safety report. There are possible errors. The monthly and year-to-date percentages are the same. For instance, there are 28 drug possessions for this month and year-to-date.

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Finance:

Presented by Pradeep Agrawal. Four faculty members are working with the Finance Committee to submit a request for proposal for a grant. A letter of intent will be submitted on May 15, 2011 and the proposal will be submitted by June 15, 2011. The proposal will include the following issues: 1. Establish a committee on science seminar cities; 2. Internships and labs; 3. Allow more advance classes, which will increase number of students participating in the classes; and 4. Virtual classes during the summer. Chamblee Middle received the stem grant last year. Pradeep will speak with potential partners, Georgia Tech and Fernbank.

Academic Council:

Presented by Vice Principal Candace Steadman. Ms. Steadman discussed five of the twelve CCHS Charter Criterion.

Criterion 1: PSAT and SAT scores

PSAT and SAT scores for all juniors will be tracked. Presently, the academic council cannot decipher data between the magnet and resident students. The Charter goal is to increase scores by 3%.

Criterion 3: AP Testing and Scoring

Charter goal that number of students taking at least 1 AP course will rise over 5% over life of the charter. Charter goal that the number of AP tests with scores of 3 or high will rise 3% over life of the charter.

Criterion 4: GHSGT Pass Rates

The pass rate trend for each subject is low. The goal for Language Arts 09/10 academic year was 96%, but the pass percentage rate was 93%. A “how can we improve” discussion is needed.

Criterion 5: Meeting AYP Requirements for GHSGT Language Arts and Math Pass Rates for Economically Disadvantaged Students

The percentage of students participating in the free and reduced lunch program has risen to 41% from 18% in the 08/09 academic year. The Charter language should be changed to percentage passing rather than number passing.

Criterion 11: Number of Retained 9th Graders

2008/2009 – 41

2009/2010 – 62

2010/2011 – 75

We need a comprehensive program which will target 9th grade students from the time they enter CCHS until they graduate.

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There were many suggestions and comments regarding retaining CCHS students, which include

- Steady home room teacher from 9th grade to 12th grade
- Peer mentors
- Incorporate lunch n' learn programs
- Summer Bridge Programs targeted to 9th grade students
- Cultural Programs
- Generate action items and compare with other DeKalb County High Schools, such as Lakeside, Dunwoody and Druid Hills.
- A lot of data is on the DOE website
- Should track demographics
- Attendance is the greatest factor in retention
- Difficult to identify particular factors for retention. Factors include cultural, economic, drugs and teenage pregnancy.

EOCT Pass Rate	Georgia	DeKalb County	Chamblee
Math 1	65	59	62
Math 2	52	44	82

Now is a good time to dissect different variables within the Charter. The Council will meet over the summer to begin working on the next Charter.

Old Business

Superintendent Search Update

No School Board Representative present at the meeting

All 3 candidates dropped out of consideration for the Superintendent position

No new information presented

CCHS Building Construction Update

Presented by Cortlandt Minnich

- Construction will begin soon after the students leave.
- 100,000 additional square feet will be added to the building. A science room, auditorium, natatorium will be included.
- Trailers will be placed on the baseball field
- Construction will take place in phases
- Visit the website for updates
- Possible purchase of additional land
- 5/16/2011 at 4:30 pm – tour of Tucker High School
- 5/17/2011 at 6:00 pm – CCHS Cafeteria – community meeting with architects and project planner

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Dr. Lowery will make arrangements with Chamblee Plaza for parking.

Present & Vote on Slate of GC Officers for the 2011-2012 school year

A quorum of 14 voting members approved the slate of GC Officers. The following Governance Council members will serve as officers for the 2011-2012 school year:

- * Belinda Wedgwood – Chair
- * Pradeep Agrawal – Deputy Chair
- * Kathie Battillo – Secretary

New Business

PTSA Updates

Belinda Wedgwood presented a certificate of appreciation to Chairperson Darlene Copeland for stepping up to serve as Chairperson of the CCHS Governance Council in the middle of the school year and for her seven years of service to the executive committee of the governance council. A brick will also be added, in a place to be determined in the new school building, honoring Darlene's service to CCHS .

Jo-Ann Kimbrough presented the CCHS PTSA Council Advisory Committee's slate of candidates for nomination to the governance council effective with the 2011/2012 school year. The candidates recommended to serve on the CCHS Governance Council:

- Sarah Panhill
- Beverly Moon
- Leslie Marwitz
- Lisa Abdulla
- Denise Warner
- Nancy Kelly

Blue and Gold Foundation

Presented by Mrs. Nancy Farrey. The CCHS Music Concert at Oglethorpe University was a success. The Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl was given a grant.

Saturday, May 21, 2011 9 a.m. to 12 noon – Day of Service at CCHS

Today is the last day of Teacher Appreciation week. Thank you to PTSA for collecting notes from students.

Cox Trot – 5K run in memory of Kathryn Kennedy Cox – May 7, 2011 9a.m. at CCHS

DCPC Update

Presented by Susan Wittenstein

DCPC meetings are held once a month on Wednesday morning

The co-chair position is open, which should be filled by a Chamblee parent

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Comments

Kathleen Duffield commented on the purpose of the CCHS Charter and Governance Council. The Charter is created and governed by state law, which mandates the formation of a governance council. The Charter allows us flexibility for creativity, and academic excellence through innovative ways. The State DOE website has a list of all of the charters and their governing bodies. Kathleen encouraged the Council to review other school's charters for creative ideas when we revisit the CCHS Charter.

Governance Council Special Called Meeting

Summer 2011 – date to be determined

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 am by Chairperson Darlene Copeland.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Warner
For Secretary Kathie Battillo