

"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 October 14, 2011 in Room 209 at 7:07 a.m. by Chairperson Belinda Wedgwood. Ms. Wedgwood welcomed Council Members and guests, and introduced Mayor Eric Clarkson as the new Community Representative on the Governance Council. Members introduced themselves.

Spotlight Student. Lucy Mason was introduced by Nancy Farrey. Lucy is a Senior at CCHS in the Magnet and Gifted program; she is taking 3 AP classes and is active in her school and community. She is a member of Black Engineers National Honor Society, Christians in Action, the Chamblee girl's basketball team, track team and softball team. Lucy plans on attending UNC Greensboro next fall on a basketball scholarship. Her major will be in African American studies. Lucy talked about her experience these past three and half years at CCHS where she has met a diverse cross section of students. CCHS has cultural diversity unlike anywhere else. Lucy encourages everyone to attend the annual International Night which highlights the diversity found at Chamblee – every year it allows for great family fun and an opportunity for everyone to learn about other cultures. She believes CCHS gives students the tools to succeed, with students striving for excellence. Attending high school at CCHS has given her some of the best moments of her life.

CCHS GC September Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September 9, 2011 GC meeting was made and seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Principal's Report. Ms. Candace Steadman presenting for Dr. Lowery

- Student enrollment as of October 13 was 1371 students.
- The trailer village was burglarized a second time over the Columbus Day weekend.
- PSAT was administered to all freshmen, sophomores and juniors this past Wednesday, October 12. It was a slight challenge administering in the trailers, but a success overall.
- Mr. Greg Smith is the new Choral Director.
- Wanda Pompey is the new ISS Paraprofessional.
- The Charter School Annual Report was submitted on time, and once the school receives a final copy, a copy will be shared with the Governance Council.
- We are continuing with the AdvancEd self assessment process (January-February).
- On the second AYP look, we did not meet standards in ELA (economically disadvantaged) and we did not have enough students to test over the summer.
- There are 9 CCHS National Merit Semifinalists.
- 7 National Achievement Semifinalists.
- 15 Commended Students for National Merit (will not continue in the competition for scholarships, but recognized for their exceptional academic promise)
- 10 Outstanding participants for National Achievement (scored in the top 3% of more than 160,000 Black Americans)
- 3 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars (the National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP) identifies nearly 5,000 outstanding Hispanic/Latino students every year)
- Mrs. Searcy and student representatives from CIA and Y-club are sponsoring Ms. Monique Rivarde (Bobby Tillman) next Wednesday, October 19th for a school wide anti-bullying initiative.
- Principal Lowery has spoken with Mrs. Cagle and is waiting to hear what Mrs. Cagle will ask the school to do.
- In response to question regarding night-time security for trailer village, there is currently no night time security; however, Principal Lowery is talking with Officer Brooks.

CCHS GC Committees: *Each council member needs to work on AT LEAST one committee to be in compliance with our Charter.*

- CPAC Committee. The Committee met with the Chamblee City Mayor two weeks ago; issues with permits are being worked out and construction project is moving forward. During winter break, plans are to build a gravel bus loop, fence off the remainder of the park lot, and begin demolition of the apartments and the front of school. In response to question regarding facility parking, CHS has been working with surrounding businesses to secure parking spots. Walgreen's & Chamblee Methodist church for students; students will need to walk from church to school. For students with practices and late after school activities, the recommendation is students move their cars after school to be closer to building campus supervisor.
- Academic council. No report.
- Charter Re-write Committee. Denise Warner will chair the ad hoc Charter Re-write Committee and she is looking for volunteers. If you want to work on bylaws committee please email Denise Warner. By-laws proposal reviewed and discussed briefly. Separate meeting to be scheduled to review in detail prior to next Governance Council meeting.
- Finance/Grants Committee. Committee is currently working on second proposal for Race to the Top grant. The second round is due November 1. CMS received grant for robotics with DeKalb School of the Arts. To ensure continuity from middle school to high school, committee will focus on robotics this time for \$50K. Dr. Lowery also sent an email about other monies, and Pradeep will get with her to clarify. Pradeep and Jan Levie will continue working together on the Race to the Top grant which is due November 5, 2011.
- Technology Committee. No report. (There is a committee report submitted for the GC EC, attached)
- Character Development Committee. Sarah Pannill will chair; she is asking for committee volunteers. Currently doing background work on what this committee has done in past, interviewing club sponsors to get a better picture of how clubs foster character development – looking at getting speaker here to talk to students about drinking and driving. Also working with Academic Committee to do work with faculty/students on academic honesty. Dr. Hunt explained that there is a survey every two years on academic honesty and other issues. Mr. Rubino has the data. There is a CCHS academic honor code written by the academic council – and teachers give a copy to students and parents for their signatures.
- Discipline and Safety Committee. Monthly report for August was distributed and reviewed. Tardies reported needs updating. Will provide at next meeting.

New Business.

- The CCHS PTSA Advisory Committee has recommend David Tench for membership to the Governance Council. A motion was made and seconded to elect David Tench as a member of the CCHS GC. Motion was passed.
- CSIP form. Mr. Searcy announced that CSIP requires signatures of all School Council members. The CSIP will be flushed out and ready for council review at our next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Belinda Wedgwood at 8:10 am.
Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Battillo

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Belinda Wedgwood	x
Pradeep Argrawal	x
Kathie Battillo	x
Jan Levie	x
Ortez Gude	
Mark Kelly	x
Nancy Kelly	x
Leslie Marwitz	x
Cortlandt Minnich	
Beverly Moon	
Sarah Pannill	x
Ruth Primm	x
David W Tench	x
Denise Warner	x
Cox Enterprises: Anitha Mathews	
DCPC Rep: Susan Wittenstein	
DCSS Board Members:	
Nancy Jester	
Pam Speaks	
Community Rep: Eric Clarkson	x
Principal – Dr. Rochelle Lowery	
Asst Principal – Ms Candace Steadman	x
Asst Principal - Loukisha Walker	
Faculty	
Stephen Rubino	
Todd Spearman	x
Linda Manley	x
Shelby Failing	x
Anne Cabrices	
Kathryn Zuehlke	x
Howard Davenport	x
Lanice Jones	x
Guests	
Jessica Hunt	x
Richelle Isaac	
Philip A LaPorte	x
Nicole Knighten	
Linda Podger Williams	x
Terry Segovis	
Nancy Farrey	x
Marti Macon-Gee	x
Lucy Mason	x
Guests - continued	
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