

The Commonwealth Governor's School

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CGS Governing Board Minutes October 20, 2022

In Attendance:

- Superintendents - Dr. Boyd, Dr. (??) Craig Reed, Dr. Taylor, Mr. Wolfe,
- Board Members - Dr. Chase, Mr. Copeland, Dr. Daniels, Mr. Roles, Ms. Siegmund (alt)
- Central Office Staff - Mr. Shrestha
- Regional Office Staff - Mrs. Gigsby, Mrs. Robison
- Absent - Dr. Calveric, Mrs. Hill, Ms. Gillespie, Mrs. Morganti

Call to order: 4:00pm Mr. Copeland called the meeting to order

Roll Call: Dr. Chase, Mr. Roles, Mr. Copeland. Dr. Chase made a motion, Mr. Roles seconded. Motion approved 3-0

Pledge Allegiance:

Approval of Consent Agenda: Dr. Chase motioned to approve Consent agenda, Mr. Roles second. Motion approved 3-0

Citizen Comments: NA

Board Members' Comments:

- Mr. Copeland wanted to let everyone know he felt they were doing an awesome job and if they needed his help let him know.

Superintendents' Comments: NA

CGSP Program Counselor Report: Mrs. Morganti was at conference so Mrs. Grigsby went over the Counselor's report

- Individual counseling meetings - Stafford Sites (41%), Spotsylvania (38%), and King George (21%)
- 3 students exited the program at the end of the first 9 weeks (2 NSHS and 1 RHS)
- 2 Virtual presentations for students and parents. Recordings are posted on cgsva.org website
 - CGS Finding Money for college - Sept. 21, 2022
 - CGS Career Exploration and Gifted Students - Oct. 12, 2022
- Upcoming - Middle school meetings and Academic probation meetings
- Professional Development - Oct 19 Presenting at VA School Counselors Association.

CGS Regional Director Report:

- CGS Events - Past and Upcoming
 - CGS PTO Fall Social - 10/23/22
 - Field Experiences
 - Completed
 - 11th Colonial Williamsburg - 8/26/22
 - 9th Water Quality & Canoeing Ecology Experience - 9/16-9/23/22

- 10th Chincoteague Field Station - 9/19 thru 9/22/22
- 12th Theater Experience - *Cat on Hot Tin Roof* 9/22/22
- 9th Honors Algebra II Problem Solving 9/28/22
- 10th National Archives 9/29/22
- Upcoming
 - 11th & 12th X-STEM USA Science & Engineering Festival 10/26/22 (new for CGS)
 - 11th Air & Space Museum with Mathematics connections 11/2/22
 - 12th Orienteering 11/2/22
 - 10th Mock Congress 11/29/22
 - 11th Pamplin Experience 11/30/22
 - 12th Business & Mathematics Community Tour 11/30/22
 - 9th A Christmas Carol Play 12/7/22
 - 10th Dr. Atalay Guest speaker 12/14
- Site & Instruction update
 - 2 opening AP Biology and DE Chemistry at Spotsy HS and DE Chemistry & AP Physics at CFHS
 - Observations will begin in late November and will conclude around the end of January.
- CGS Application process
 - Recruitment visits of 17 middle school - CGS Directory and Counselor
 - Family information nights scheduled late October through early December 2022 including private schools.
- Fredericksburg City Update - discussion ongoing

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve 9-15-22 minutes - Dr. Daniels motioned to approve, Dr. Chase seconded. Motion carried 4-0

Informational Items:

- CGS Mathematics Curriculum - College Board is introducing a new course for 2023-2024 titled AP Precalculus which aligns with our current course curriculum in Honors Math Analysis.
 - Dr. Chase asked how many colleges will offer credit for this class. Want to ensure if our students are paying for the test they will be able to use the credit at colleges.
 - Ms. Siegmund went to the College Board website and read the description of the class on the website.
 - Vote will happen in January 2023.
- 2022-2023 CGS Student Demographic Data (students 597)
 - Reviewing the data, Mr. Copeland asked if Mrs. Grigsby felt the changes (change app. process and recruiting) CGS had made were working. Dr. Taylor would like the data to show whether it is CGS changes or changes in diversity in the counties (last 5 years each county vs. CGS diversity. Dr. Daniels appreciated seeing the 504 & IEP data. Dr. Chase pointed out here little diversity there was in the faculty. Dr. Chase noted a conversation she had with Mr. Reed. Expressing the feeling that teachers of color were not put into higher level classes because it was felt they would do more good in the other classes. Everyone agreed it is difficult to find teachers right now.
 - Dr. Daniels would like to know why there is not an increase in students applying - applicants' numbers are good. The process is good and allows all students access to the process. The problem is the students applying are not matching the diversity in each county. Mrs Grigsby brought up the idea of pulling data for all programs to see if there is more diversity in all the programs combined.
 - Mrs. Grigsby noted that a third of the staff will most likely be retiring in the next 5 years. More opportunity for diversity in new teachers.
 - Areas need to work on black and economically disadvantaged students.

- Plan toward progress of diversity goals, per Mrs. Grigsby almost all goals have been met.
- Fiscal Agent Discussion
 - Open meeting considerations and closed session considerations attached in the Governing Board packet.
 - Open floor - Dr. Chase reminded everyone, about 5 years ago Spotsylvania County Public Schools asked Stafford to take over as Fiscal agent. Stafford was looking for a superintendent and did not feel they were in a position to take over. They now feel they can handle the responsibility.
 - It was recommended that the superintendent's meet first and discuss the concerns by regional staff and then the Governing board members would meet prior to vote in January. Superintendent's will be in the VSBA conference week (Nov 16-18) prior to Thanksgiving and agreed it would be a good time to meet and discuss at that time.
 - Dr. Daniels has not heard any discussions about change of fiscal agent recently.
 - Mr. Wolfe asked that we wait for him to have a discussion with the new superintendent. Dr. Daniels and Mr. Wolfe will meet with the new superintendent.
 - Based on Bylaws, a vote needs to be done in January. Do we need to have work sessions? Session needs to be after the Superintendents meeting.

Action Items:

- FY23 Budget - CGS increased 2 students so extra funds were put into Field experiences since they are costing more money.
 - Dr. Chase asked if we still needed to have our own technology. Could the counties handle the technology needs?
 - Mr. Roles asked how changes in the budget were handled. Budget adjustment approved by the Director.
 - Dr. Boyd asked who is providing internet access for CGS. Per Mrs. Grigsby notes that we piggyback on the Spotsylvania system.
 - Motion to approve budget as presented by Dr. Chase, seconded by Mr. roles. Approved 4-0

Adjournment: Dr. Chase motioned to adjourn, Dr. Daniels seconded. Approved 4-0 at 4:51pm

Next Meeting:

January 19, 2023 4:00pm, King George County SBO