

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Governance Committee Meeting
Rescheduled Meeting
May 6, 2020
5:30 in Media Center at SGSC**

Those in attendance were: Chris Weathersby – Committee Chairman; Angela Graham – Board member; Lisa Jones – Board member; Ginger Almon – School Leader; Kadie Phillips – Federal Programs Director; Tony Lee - Board Chairman

Call to Order – 5:33 p.m. by Chairman, **Chris Weathersby**

Approval of April Minutes - Action Item: Motion to Approve - Tony Lee, 2nd – Angela Graham.
All others were in favor

Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve – Michelle Graham – 2nd by Tony Lee. All others were in favor.

Public Comment – No Comments

Discuss ways to improve Comprehensive Performance Framework

Ginger Almon reviewed the scores from SCSC related to 2018-2019 CPF and we were lacking in many areas. The governance committee members recommended that they review four of the criteria at each meeting and discuss ways we will work toward improving. These corrections give us additional points to be added to the overall score.

Ginger Almon stated that the staff will be getting STEM endorsed, the process will be through RESA and we are not sure of the price but average should be \$1500.00 each and the process should take about one year. We will be doing this in 2 groups. This will satisfy many of the features in our original charter. Also, getting the aquaponics and greenhouse running will allow for an innovative feature through being able to focus on the farm to table aspect and business angle for fundraising.

Response to Katie Manthey's email about the School Performance Feedback

Ginger Almon stated that she will send all responses that she drafts to the Board of Directors to add information and review. Nothing will be submitted without input from the Board of Directors. This information is due before July 31, 2020.

Strategic Planning

Jeff Homan - GCSA - stated in a phone conversation with Tony Lee, Board Chairman, that the Strategic Planning meeting that was originally scheduled for 4/4/20 and postponed due to the Covid-19 outbreak will be rescheduled in a few weeks, once more bans have been lifted. Tony Lee will continue to follow up with Jeff Homan to ensure that this important training takes place.

Discuss the SCSC Board's Decision Regarding the 10th grade Addition

With the addition of the tenth grade denied by the SCSC staff and ultimately, the SCSC Board of Commissioners, the Board Chairman and School Leader have spoken with several people to design a plan to offer a Distance Learning Lab with a supporting staff member to oversee the students that would attend the lab registered through Georgia Cyber Academy to complete virtual school. Ginger Almon spoke with Mrs. Lassetter from Georgia Cyber Academy and they discussed the schedule of the day (8:00 - 3:30), as well as the expectations of students. Mrs. Almon shared all information with the Governance Committee. Tony Lee and Ginger Almon will have a conference call with Lauren Holcomb and Katie Manthey from the SCSC staff to discuss the idea on Friday, May 8, 2020 at 9:15 am to get their feedback.

Transportation Policies and Procedures

The governance committee will begin producing job descriptions for all associated with transportation. There will have to be decisions made by the Board of Directors about duties and responsibilities due to the proposed 14% overall decrease in funding.

Enrollment

The teachers will be coming in on a staggered schedule during the week of May 18-22 to close out the school year. One of the items on their list to complete will be to call each parent on their roster to ensure that their child is returning to the school for the upcoming year. Even though Letters of Intent were returned by the students and parents, there have been many happenings due to COVID-19, so we feel it necessary to touch base with parents about enrollment to make sure we have accurate numbers when completing the projected enrollment information for forward funding.

Teachers Return

The governance committee agreed that the teachers could return during the week of May 18-22 on a staggered schedule to close out the school year, prepare report cards, check on enrollment, and get their rooms straightened up - among other duties. A schedule will be sent out by Ginger Almon on Monday, May 11, 2020 to all teachers and paraprofessionals and other staff.

Board Member Training

Board members are aware of the training needs and will work to prepare a timeline for getting the training completed in a timely manner.

Adjourn

Approval of Adjournment of Meeting

Motion: Michelle Graham; 2nd: Chris Weathersby Vote: All in favor

TIME ADJOURNED: 6:39 PM