

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Governance Committee Meeting
November 12, 2020
5:30 pm - SGSC Media Center**

Call to Order - Chris Weathersby at 5:30 pm

Approval of October Minutes - Motion: Tony Lee Second: Lisa Jones Vote: all yes

Approval of Agenda - Motion: Tony Lee Second: Russell Nuti Vote: all yes

Public Comment - None

Professional Liability

We have decided to increase the professional coverage to include an umbrella policy to increase areas of liabilities. The umbrella provides an additional 4 million dollar coverage on everything related to the school. This means that we now have coverage up to 5 million dollars.

FY 21 Facilities Grant

The Facilities Grant budget has been approved. Ginger Almon will set up a meeting with SRJ Architects to come to the school to look at making the existing teacher's restroom into a handicapped restroom for staff and students. We will also add an additional swipe card system onto the side doors of the school.

Staff Social Media Use

We will ask the school attorney, Hayden Hooks from Perry & Walters, to come to the school to provide a one hour training covering a professional educator's responsibility regarding social media and the influence it has on their position at the school.

Harris Brown Fire Alarm

The committee wants clarity as to the actual monthly fee for monitoring our fire alarm system through Harris Brown before making a final decision about whether or not to use them. Ginger Almon will send an email to ask what the actual monthly monitoring fee is.

Governance Training

Board Member training opportunities

- February 2nd from 8:30am-12:30pm
- April 13th from 8:30am-12:30pm

These are virtual and they are free. Everyone must sign up for a date

Chief Financial Officer

We have some interest in the position. We will be considering candidates that are qualified for the position, setting up interviews, and moving forward - in hopes to have a new CFO before December break

STEM Endorsement and Stipend

The STEM Endorsement (approximately \$25,000) will be paid for through the School Improvement Funds for FY21. This is a training opportunity that all current teachers are able to attend. They will also receive a stipend of \$2,600 through School Improvement funds upon the completion of the Endorsement.

Speech Services

Joanna Floyd will provide speech services as she is starting her own speech services independently since the hospital is closed. The costs will remain the same. We will get a copy of Joanna's insurance, as well as other information and sign an agreement with Mrs. Floyd.

Nurse

The school nurse will be on maternity leave until January 4, 2021. Ginger Almon will administer all medications to students until the return of Nurse Kristen Roland.

Addition of Grade Levels

We will be moving forward with petitioning the SCSC about addition of the 10th grade. More details will follow as we work on a plan to be transparent with the parents.

Adjourn 6:33 pm

Motion: Tony Lee

Second: Chris Weathersby