

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA S.T.E.M. CHARTER SCHOOL
SCHEDULED Governance MEETING Minutes
Media Center in Main Building
September 9, 2020 - 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER - @ 5:34 pm by Chris Weathersby, committee lead

ITEM 1. APPROVAL OF August, 2020 minutes:

·Motion: _Tony Lee_ Second: _Lisa Jones_ Vote: all yes

ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR September 9, 2020

·Motion: _Tony Lee_ Second: _Lisa Jones_ Vote: all yes

ITEM 3. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

ITEM 4. Strategic Planning - There is still no word for the replacement of Jeff Homan. Ginger stated that she was working with the commission to continue with the accreditation of the school. The Cogina account was set up and that is as far as it had gone. The account has now been transferred to Ginger Almon, from former Superintendent Amy Sammons. The completion of the accreditation is a portion of the scores on the CPF. Ginger will be reaching out to Cogina to get the process started and is still working on finding out who or if we get a replacement for Jeff Homan.

ITEM 5. Student Policies - Hayden Hooks has sent over a large amount of student policies. Copies have been given to each of you to review. We will be voting on these during the Board meeting this month.

ITEM 6. 20-21 Custodial Services - We received the contract for Job Pro and we received the information about the floor stripper/cleaner quotes. We are going to review this price contract and look into more quotes also as protocol requires.

ITEM 7. Return to School 20-21 -

- ★ Recap of happenings at school - 8th grade homeroom teacher found out that she came in contact with COVID-19 after her arrival at school on Monday, August 30th. She immediately left school and got tested on Tuesday. She tested positive and the entire 8th grade was sent home for quarantine and distance learning for 14 days. On Thursday a student from that same class tested positive. After working with the Local Health Department and the school nurse to trace exposure, the decision was made to send all teachers home quarantined and to send home 6th, 7th, and 9th grade students home NOT quarantined for distance learning to ensure that they are getting instruction from the teachers versus Substitute teachers for the next 14 days. All will return to school on September 21, 2020.
- ★ The following adjustments have been made with the students and staff returning. Painter tape has been placed in all rooms to ensure that the teachers' desks are 6 foot apart from the students and marked off the space in front of the white and

smart boards. Teachers will also not be able to be at students' desks or within 6 foot of the students for more than 5 minutes at a time. The teachers will also all be sending a seating chart to the front office for all classes. These measures will make all tracking much easier for any future needs.

- ★ We have had many families that have reported that they are having internet issues and are requesting HotSpots from the school. Kadie Phillips, Federal Programs Director, has secured a Small, Rural School Achievement Program Grant and will be allocating these funds to purchase 20 more hotspots for these needy families.

ITEM 8. Liberty Mutual Questionnaire - Questionnaire was received and will be completed and returned to Clemmany Insurance CO. The questionnaire is needed for the company to get quotes from companies for our insurance at school.

ITEM 9. Comprehensive Performance Frameworks (Governance and Transparency) - The next 4 categories related to the CPF and what steps we are taking to improve

- 1) *Is the governing board complying with all applicable general Governance requirements?* On the monitoring we scored a 4 of 4. We will also score this well in the next monitoring.
- 2) *Is the governing board complying with all applicable open governance requirements?* On the monitoring we scored a 4 of 4. We will also score this well on the next monitoring.
- 3) *Is the governing board complying with all applicable governance training requirements?* On the monitoring we scored 4 of 4. We will also score this well on the next monitoring.
- 4) *Is the governing board operating transparently and effectively communicating with stakeholders?* We scored a 4 of 4 in this area. We will also score this well in this area next year also.

The upcoming monitoring for the 20-21 school year will be held virtually. Ginger Almon has spoken with Sara Beck as to what to expect with a virtual monitoring. She stated that they will still be breaking out with individuals. Sara also stated that all materials that will be requested will be done after the monitoring visit and we will have one week to return all the requested information.

Adjourn

APPROVAL OF ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

- Motion: _Tony Lee_ Second: _Lisa Jones_ Vote: all yes

TIME ADJOURNED: ____6:18__PM