

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

June 17, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC

Meeting Minutes

Meeting also offered through Teleconference Option due to COVID-19:
Dial-in Number 978-990-5080: Access Code: 6521665
advertised on School Website as well.

Call to Order - @ 5:30 by Chairman Tony Lee

Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present – Members Present Were Chairman, Tony Lee, Vice Chair – Chris Weathersby, Russell Nuti, Lisa Jones, Patricia Goodman, School Leader – Ginger Almon, CFO – Lori Wilson, Federal Programs – Kadie Phillips, Elisa Falco – Guest, and Board Member call in by Grant Ward

Approval of May Minutes – Motion made by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Russell Nuti, all were in Favor.

Recite the current SGSC Mission Statement

- The mission of Southwest Georgia S.T.E.M. Charter School is to foster in its students the passion and curiosity to become life-long learners. Students will develop the ability and motivation to think independently, communicate effectively, and excel academically. Through an innovative curriculum, saturated in the sciences, technology, engineering, our students will become managers of their education.

Public Comment - none

School Leader's Report - Information Items

- **20-21 Charter Contract Amendment** – this will be a recurring item. As of this time, we have not received any information on the stipulations of the 10th grade addition. School Leader Almon stated that she did reach out to SCSC about the renewal process. She states that we should be receiving a packet in November to be completed and find out a decision in January.
- **Comprehensive Needs Assessment and School Improvement Plan** – Meeting was held with the planning committee which included Dr. Pierce, from the GaDOE School Improvement Team on 06/16/2021. Decision was made to remain with the current SIP and to make a few changes. We will be making these adjustments/changes and have this submitted in the next week or two, which is ahead of the deadline.
- **Parking for the 9th and 10th grade students** – Places were discussed and no decision was made at this time. Will reach out to the land owner of the property next door about possibly allowing parking in this location.
- **Route for the new bus** – Several places were talked about. Decision was made to move towards the Fort Gaines, Morris, Springvale, Georgetown areas to see if there is any interest.
- **Walkway for the school (update)** – Tri-County Concrete gave a price of \$4,300. He will be able to get started after July 2, 2021, when summer school ends. Once this is done we will be able to move forward with the covered portion of the walkway.

Academic - Information Items

- **20-21 Georgia Milestones Assessment** – this information is preliminary scores and data is not published yet. Reviewed the ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies scores for the grades that were tested. All content areas need to improve. Compared to data from the 2019 school year, some areas improved. For the ELA, we have ordered a new curriculum, MyView for grades K-5

and MyPerspectives for 6-10th grades. This also has the components that allow testing as often as desired to monitor progress. Math is the area that is the weakest. We have ordered new Eureka books and are going to have extensive training with the math teachers and remediation teachers. We are also hiring a MTSS coordinator. With all of these things in order we should see an increase in scores.

- **Summer Learning Program Update** – We are ending week 2 and we have two more weeks so school left. Small groups and remediation in ELA and Math are the focus with the students that are attending.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

Approval of May Financial Report - Motion made by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Lisa Jones, all were in Favor.

- 1 Cash Flow – reflects the corrections of expenditures. Did not do any draw last month. Did drawdowns today.

Approval of the May School Food Report - Motion made by Russell Nuti, 2nd by Patricia Goodman, all were in Favor.

- 2 CEP Update – There will be an increase in the student amount per student.
 - Deficit Plan Current Status – have almost eliminated the lunchroom deficit. We should have this done in the next month or two.

- **CPF Point Calculation at this time** – We are still at a 95 and will remain until the enrollment variance change in October.

Continuing Resolution - Motion made by Russell Nuti, 2nd by Lori Jones, all were in Favor.

- **FY22 Tentative Budget Review** – reviewed the tentative budget. Will have the first public budget meeting on July 1st at 1:00pm in the media center. The 2nd meeting will be held on July 22nd @ 5:00 pm in the media center.

Governance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Discuss Current Status of All Board Training Requirements** – School Leader Almon requested that all certificates be sent to her for the training that has been completed. At this time, all Board Members and the School Leader have completed the necessary requirements for the training due by June 30, 2021.
- **Approval of New Hires for the 21-22 School Year** – Radhika Sharma - STEM and Remediation Math - **Motion made by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Russell Nuti, all were in Favor** and Suzette Taylor for 6th and 7th grade ELA and ELA remediation - **Motion made by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Lisa Jones, all were in Favor.**
- **Approval of the 21-22 Board Meetings Dates - Motion made by Russell Nuti, 2nd by Chris Weathersby, all were in Favor.**
- **Approval of the 21-22 Subcommittee Meeting Dates (Governance, Finance, Academic) Motion made by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Russell Nuti, all were in Favor.**
- **Strategic Planning** – This presentation was made by Ms. Falco. We have sent the survey and gotten the results. This input will give the suggestions for the school. We will put focus on the three top issues. These are not known at this time and she will get with Ginger and Tony on the results. We will then work on goal setting. The next meeting with her will be at 4:00 on July 22nd in the media center.
- **Expansion of school grounds (update)** – topographical survey team has been contacted to complete the survey. Chairman Lee will make contact with Langford and Associates.

- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES - Standard 4 - Organizational Management** was discussed. School Leader Almon is fulfilling the obligations related to school safety, daily operations and facility maintenance, seeking and managing fiscal resources, and organizing and managing technology resources.

Adjourn Meeting - **Motion made by Lisa Jones, 2nd by Patricia Goodman, all were in Favor.**