

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School  
Governance Committee Meeting  
March 10, 2021  
5:30 pm - SGSC Media Center**

Call to Order - 5:30 pm - Chris Weathersby

Approval of February Minutes - Action Item - Motion: Tony Lee    Second: Lisa Jones    Vote: All Yes

Approval of Agenda - Action Item - Motion: Tony Lee    Second: Patricia Goodman    Vote: All Yes

Public Comment - None

**Calendar for the 21-22 School Year**

Mrs. Almon presented the Committee with the proposed calendar for the 21-22 school year that has teachers returning for 5 days of Pre-Planning on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 for 5 days of training, and students returning for the first day of school on Wednesday, August 4, 2021. The calendar presents several teacher workdays located throughout the school year, rather than on the front and back end of the year. The school year will end for students on May 20, 2022 and on May 24, 2022 for all teachers. This calendar will be presented to the Board of Directors on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at the Board Meeting for approval.

**Charter Contract Amendment**

Mrs. Almon and Mr. Lee have been working on a letter to submit to SCSC staff, requesting the addition of the 10th grade for the 21-22 school year. The SCSC staff has remained firm in their stance that they will not support the Charter Amendment due to the lack of new, compelling academic data since there has been no Georgia Milestones Assessments administered since the 2018-2019 school year. The letter is anticipated to be emailed on Monday, March 15, 2021, which will be at least two weeks in advance of the SCSC Board Meeting scheduled for March 31, 2021 at 10:00 am in Atlanta.

**Governance Training**

Board Member training opportunities

- April 13th from 8:30am-12:30pm

These are virtual and they are free. We will have to complete 8 other modules as well

All Board members have completed the live training and are currently working on completing the 8 related modules to satisfy the requirements for all Board members for the 20-21 school year.

**Plumbing in the Gym**

Mr. Lee reached out to Tom Whatley with Capitol Plumbing and he stated that they would be at the school next week - March 15th-19th at some point to fix the leak in the gym to be able to turn the water back on for student use.

**Fundraisers**

At this time, we have sold approximately \$2,250.00 worth of tickets, which means the winner of the raffle will be able to win \$1,125.00 at this time. We will continue to sell more tickets. The drawing will be held on April 1, 2021.

**Transportation**

Discuss different monitoring pieces associated with transportation

- Daily inspections - These are happening each day and are being submitted to the front office on Monday mornings and Chase Jones signs off on them each Monday afternoon.
- Governors on the buses - All buses have been governed to 64 mph.

### **CAP for Monitoring from SCSC**

Everything is on track to have the proper delivery of training to all parties for the updated policy amendments and new additions. Printed correspondence was sent to all Face-to-Face parents to review the policies that were amended and added since the February 18, 2021 Board meeting. Once everything is complete, all information and documentation will be sent to the SCSC for review and hopefully, partial points will be awarded. Due date is April 15, 2021.

### **Georgia Southwestern State University Teacher Career Fair Visit**

Natalie Zajac, Julia Scoggins, and Ginger Almon attended the GSW Teacher Career Fair and were able to really put SGSC out there for other schools to learn who we are. We have already had one interested applicant come by to visit the campus and speak with us about a Special Education position. It was a success.

### **\$1,000.00 Bonus Match for SGSC Staff**

SGSC will use CARES 2 money to match the state approved \$1,000.00 bonus for all staff who qualify. We will match any differing amounts provided by the state for different positions. The bonus is scheduled to pass at the March 24, 2021 State Board meeting and potentially funded for the month of April payroll. These are not actual timelines, but predicted timelines.

**Adjourn - 6:17 pm**