

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

March 23, 2023 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 and advertised on the School Website as well.

Call to Order @ 5:32 p.m. by Tony Lee, Chairman of the Board

Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present: Tony Lee - Board Chairman, Chris Weathersby - Vice-Chair, Erwin Thomas, Grant Ward and Russell Nuti. Ginger Almon - School Leader, Lori Wilson - and Kadie Phillips - Federal Programs Director. Patricia Goodman was not present at the meeting. Ginger Almon - School Leader called into the meeting.

Approval of February Minutes - Motion made to approve by Chris Weathersby , 2nd by Erwin Thomas , all in Favor - Yes

Approval of February Agenda - Motion made to approve by Chris Weathersby , 2nd by Erwin Thomas , all in Favor - Yes.

Recite the current SGSC Mission Statement

SGSC will provide distinguished and integrated instruction in an environment that cultivates respect, is inclusive of all, and lays the foundation for excellence and life-long learning.

Public Comment - No public comment

School Liaison (Ms. Fincher) - Ms. Fincher has stated that there are no issues at this time.

School Leader's Report - Information Items

Recent Successes and Celebrations - Information Item - Hallie Almon - 10th grader - won the regional writing contest and will be going to the state level competition. Scarlett James - 8th grader - was recognized for Honorable Mention. We were well represented comparatively to other schools in our region. No date set for the State Competition. The Middle School Georgia Movie Academy team won the regional competition - taking home 1st Place for Best Picture. They will be moving on to the state competition on March 30th in Columbus. The High School Georgia Movie Academy team won first runner up at the regional competition. They will also be moving on to the state competition on March 30th in Columbus.

Athletics Information (Ben Crowdis) - Information Items

Athletic Needs:

1. Football Field Needs
 - a. Stain bleachers, Paint steps to press box
 - b. We will be looking at the field house and working to figure out how to house two football teams. We may have to think outside the box.
2. Gym
 - a. Shot clock for Varsity games - Between \$1000 and \$2000
3. Coaches:
 - a. We have hired a Varsity Football Coach and will introduce him at the Spring Athletic Banquet.
 - b. Head Varsity Baseball Coach
 - c. Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
 - d. Assistant Varsity Football Coaches
4. Weight Equipment
 - a. We are purchasing weight equipment from Chattco for \$1200. This will give us a good start to our weight program.
5. Spring Sports Moving Forward
 - a. We have had very little interest in track and field so far in middle and high school in the last two years. We considered adding soccer this year but started too late. Because of our small population at this time we would not offer soccer and track and field at the same time. The new football coach also has lots of experience coaching soccer so we would have a coach already. For track needing a high jump pit, discus platform, shot put platform and a new track surface buying two soccer goals is minor. I had the middle and high school achievers complete a survey to see which sport they were most interested in. I have placed the survey below. Based on all of the different parts, the costs, the coaches, the equipment and the student interests we will probably move to soccer next spring.

Upcoming Events - Information Item -

Field Trip on March 29th - 1st and 2nd grade to Calhoun Produce Inc.

Field Trip on March 30th - 6th and 7th grade to Stardust 2 Skate Center for

STEM program

Field Trip on March 30th - Prek and Kindergarten will walk to the park for their annual Easter Egg hunt

Field Trip on March 30th - State Georgia Movie Academy Competition

Spring Break starts on March 31st and we return on April 10th.

Enrollment Summary - Information Item - 29.47% non-white students with an enrollment of 475 and a projected enrollment of 525 for the upcoming school year.

Academic - Information Items

Comprehensive Performance Framework Scores FY22 - Information Item - We met and exceeded the scores around by at least 10% in all grade levels.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

Approval of Financial February Report - Action Item - The General fund was reviewed. The school is 66.66% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 66.91%. The previous month budget amendment is reflected in the percentages. Expenditure total at 65.65%. The total fund equity for February is \$3,202,949.58. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Maintenance and operation is still elevated because of the facility grant expenditures being used out of the general fund. The fund code for the facility grant is also 100. So, this calculation includes state grant spending and will remain in this area. Fund equity has increased over \$188,920.27 for the month of February. Motion made to approve by: Russell Nuti, 2nd by: Chris Weatherby, all in Favor - Yes.

o Cash Flow - The monthly cash flow for July through February shows that the total variance is \$179,300.03. The monthly cash flow includes drawdowns for the month of January.

Approval of the February School Food Report - Action Item - The school nutrition fund was reviewed. The revenues total to 63.93%. The expenditures total at 74.46%. The fund equity total is \$300,213.48. The fund equity in SFN has increased by \$18,523.49. Motion made by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Russell Nuti, all in favor - yes.

CPF Point Calculation at this time - Information Item -. There were no drastic changes in any of the performance measures. 5 points are deducted from overall score due to the enrollment variance. This gives the school a total of 95 points for the CPF score.

ARP ESSER III Update/Input - Information Item- There were no recommendations for purchases from the Board. We are currently working towards checking with GADOE to see if some purchases will be approved before they are presented.

Centegix Crisis Alert - Action Item - Approval is contingent with the guarantee that the price for service will remain at \$8K per year for five years. This product is specialized in nature. This purchase does not render three quotes. The School has documentation from the CEO of Centegix that confirms that this product and service is a sole source product. Motion made to approve by: Russell Nuti, 2nd by: Chris Weatherby , all in Favor - Yes.

Campus Repairs & Maintenance Quote- Action Item - The Board reviewed a tree removal and trimming quote from South GA Perfections, LLC. The Board decided which trees to be removed and trimmed and agreed to the quote provided. Motion made to approve by: Chris Weathersby, 2nd by: Russell Nuti , all in Favor - Yes.

Auditor for FY 2023 Audit & Financial Statement- Action Item- The Board discussed using Mauldin & Jenkins again for the upcoming Audit and Financial Statement. The CFO reached out to SGSC to verify that it is ok to use Mauldin & Jenkins for the 5th consecutive audit. SGSC responded that the decision is up to the governing board. It was decided to use Mauldin & Jenkins for the audit and financial statement if they are on the approved auditors list provided by SGSC. Different staff members will do the audit to provide a fresh look. Motion made to approve by: Chris Weathersby, 2nd by: Russell Nuti , all in Favor - Yes.

Governance Action and Information Items -

Expansion of school grounds (update) - Information Item - This is a standing item and there are no new updates at this time other than we are continuing to seek opportunities for land purchase near the school to continue to expand.

Upcoming SCSC Governance Training - Information Item - Grant Ward and Russell Nuti will be attending. They have registered for the training.

Comprehensive Performance Framework - Information Item - nothing new at this time.

Approve new hires for the 23-24 school year - Action Item - approval of all new hires and approval of all returning staff. Motion made to approve by: Erwin Thomas @ 06:43 , 2nd by: Russell Nuti , all in Favor - Yes.

Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES - Information Item

Standard 2: SCHOOL CLIMATE: The leader promotes the success of all students by developing, advocating, and sustaining an academically rigorous, positive, and safe school climate for all stakeholders. Chairman Lee states that our leader goes above and beyond in this area and that all are pleased with School Leader Almon.

Adjourn Meeting - Motion made to adjourn by: Chris Weathersby @ 06:43 , 2nd by: Grant Ward , all in Favor - Yes.