

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

April 20, 2023 5:30 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC

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 pm by Tony Lee, Board Chairman

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

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

Approval of April 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 - None

School Liaison (Ms. Fincher) - No feedback at this time

School Leader's Report - Information Items

- **Recent Successes and Celebrations** - Information Item
We have seen growth from most all of the individual students at this time on the End of the Year MAP assessments that have been given. We completed the Read-a-Thon and were able to raise over \$5,000.00 for the school to provide incentives for students to read!
- **Athletics Information (Ben Crowdis)** - Information Item
We have tryouts for cheer, varsity softball, and middle school softball coming up. We also have the spring athletic awards, as well as a football meeting for students and parents - both on May 4th. Plans are in place for at least 4 different camps for the younger students this summer. We have a lot of good things going on. An email was sent to all staff to see if we could fill some empty coaching spots for the year. We will continue to work on these coaching opportunities.
- **Upcoming Events** - Information Item
April 28th will be a student appreciation day/water day (weather permitting). We will kick off Georgia Milestones Assessments for 3rd, 5th, and 8th grade during the week of May 1st-5th. Followed by 4th, 6th, and 7th grade testing during the week of May 8th-12th. Teacher Appreciation Week is also May 8th-12th. Lastly, we will have End of Course Testing during the week of May 15th-17th (3 different classes). We are looking forward to Prek and Kindergarten graduation on May 18th, Field Day on May 19th, Honor's Day on May 23rd, and lots of other things along the way. May will be a busy month!
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item
We currently have 472 students enrolled. It is important to note that we monitor diversity and 30% of those students are non-white. We will have to submit the Projected Summary for the State Charter School Committee on May 17th.

Academic - Information Items

- **Initial Data from End of Year MAP Assessment** - Information Item
There has been a large amount of growth in 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade from the middle of the year assessments to the end of the year assessments in Reading. 6th, 7th, and 10th grade showed a large amount of growth in the area of Math. Though the data is still not where we would like it - overall, we were able to see growth with almost every individual student tested. We were also able to make a large correlation between those with lower achievement and their poor attendance rates. We will work this summer to get more support to help improve attendance for the 23-24 school year.
- **Graduation Date/Plans for Class of 2024** - Information Item

Our plans are to host our first graduation on Friday, May 17, 2024 on the football field at SGSC. We are working on tentative plans in case the weather doesn't cooperate closer to the actual time of graduation.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of March Financial Report** - Action Item- Motion made to approve by: Erwin Thomas, 2nd by: Chris Weathersby , all in Favor - Yes.- The General fund was reviewed. The school is 75.0% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 75.07%. Expenditures total at 74.67%. The total fund equity for March is \$3,268,016.31. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund. Fund equity has increased by \$1,029,837.96 when compared to July 2022.
 - Cash Flow- The monthly cash flow for July through March shows that the total variance is \$299,979.29. The monthly cash flow does not include drawdowns for the month of March in this month's calculation.
- **Approval of the March School Food Report** - Action Item- Motion made to approve by: Chris Weathersby, 2nd by: Erwin Thomas , all in Favor - Yes.- The school nutrition fund was reviewed. The revenues total to 75.06%. The expenditures total at 85.62%. The fund equity total is \$326,600.33. The fund equity in SFN has increased by \$26,386.85.
- **CPF Point Calculation at this time** - Information Item- The Comprehensive Performance Frameworks Score Prediction was reviewed. Based on the SCSC monitoring results, the CPF score is a 95 due to enrollment variance. There were no major changes in any of the CPF calculations for the month of March.
- **ARP ESSER III Update/Input** - Information Item- The new intercom system has been approved by GADOE. We are completing prior approval documentation of the fence operators to see if the expenditures will be approved to be paid out of ESSER III Expanding Charters Grant. Any funds left will be budgeted towards cleaning supplies.
- **Campus Repairs & Maintenance** - Information Item- The Board discussed the current quote from B2B and reviewed a used modular purchase by Satellite Shelters, Inc. There is not a lot of used modular unit inventory in circulation. The used inventory that is for sale is being sold at top dollar. The Board asked for the CFO to obtain a third quote to review.

Governance - Action and Information Items

- **Expansion of school grounds (update)** - Information Item
Mickey Rice will be completing the paving project at the front of the school. It is his plan to come next week to begin grading, followed by base, and finally asphalt. These will be three separate jobs for him to complete. We will then have proper parking at the front of the school and paved areas for buses to drop off and pick up students. Georgia Power will also be coming to move those poles soon for the project.
- **Approve new hires for the 23-24 school year** - Action Item
The Board voted to approve Myles Gay for special education teacher and Kathy Hayes for Data Coordinator/Nutrition Manager - Motion made to approve by Chris Weathersby , 2nd by Erwin Thomas, all in Favor - Yes
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item
The Board discussed Ginger Almon's performance related to Standard 3 - Planning and Assessment and determined that she is adhering to all guidelines regarding planning for instruction, planning for learning, and assessing for learning.

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