

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Governance Committee Meeting
January 17, 2023
SGSC Media Center**

Call to Order - By Tony Lee @ 6:33 p.m. In attendance were: Tony Lee, Patricia Goodman, Grant Ward, Erwin Thomas, Ginger Almon- School Leader, Lori Wilson- CFO, In attendance by phone were: None in attendance by phone.

Approval of December Minutes - Action Item

Motion: Erwin Thomas_ Second: _Grant Ward_ Vote: - All in Favor - Yes

Approval of January Agenda - Action Item

Motion: _Patricia Goodman_ Second:_Erwin Thomas_ Vote: Yes

Public Comment - None

Monitoring Results

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School Initially received 5 findings from the SCSC related to the documentation that was produced during the monitoring process. Working with the school attorney, SGSC produced appeals to all but one of the findings that were given. Those appeals have been loaded into the portal and now we wait until the SCSC reviews the appeals to see if they remove the findings or uphold them. The CAP will be due no later than February 17, 2023.

2023-2024 Structure

In discussing the needs of the school as we continue to grow, Mrs. Almon acknowledges that we need a school counselor as most of the students that are demonstrating behavior or academic concerns also need to speak with someone about the issues causing their problems. The committee agrees that a counselor is needed. The state is also looking to add more funding to allow all schools to have a counselor. There is also a need for more administration in the form of a high school assistant principal that can help with the discipline and upcoming graduation requirements at the school. The committee agreed that this is a need and discussed the possibility of employing someone that recently retired to make this a 49% position if needed. Mrs. Almon will create the positions and advertise those positions ahead of the next meeting.

Adjourn - Motion: _ Erwin Thomas_ Second: _Tony Lee _ Vote: _ All in Favor__ Yes

TIME ADJOURNED: 6:55 pm