

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Governance Committee Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2021
5:30 pm - SGSC Media Center**

Call to Order - Chris Weathersby @ 5:35 pm

Approval of May Minutes - Action Item - Motion: Lisa Jones Second: Patricia Goodman Vote: All Yes

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Public Comment - None

Facilities for 21-22

The topographical survey has been sent to the Civil Engineer. The finished report is about 10 days away from being complete and sent to the architect to be able to render a 2D drawing of the new addition.

Grounds Keeping for the School

The committee would like for the school to advertise for bids to maintain the school grounds. The school will publish the advertisement and the Board will consider the bids in order to make a decision for the school.

COVID measures at SGSC 21-22

The school leader expressed concern about the current rise in positive COVID cases amongst the students in the school. The school is currently closed for in person instruction while the teachers prepare for possible quarantines of students throughout the school year, as well as possible virtual learning only when the school has to close face-to-face instruction for periods of time. The school will move to a mandated mask requirement upon return. The numbers will be considered when reviewing the mask mandate (September 18th - midpoint of the 9 weeks) in order to determine if the mandate should continue or move back to optional mask requirements. The school leader also expressed concern about the number of students that were sent home for exposure and the uncertainty about their current condition (possible positive cases) for a return on Monday, August 16, 2021. The school may need to be virtual during the week of August 16th-20th in order to allow the students time to recover. This decision will be made on Thursday, August 12, 2021 and the parents and students will be informed promptly if all parties (administration, nurse, local DPH) deem this is a necessary action.

Attendance

The school will be understanding throughout the year with attendance, but will also hold those accountable that are not attending school without reasonable excuse from the doctor or parent. The students have been through a year with many virtual opportunities, and the school is providing Chromebooks, so there should not be many excuses (other than documented illness) for students not being able to attend the classes/coursework. If the students are not attending while quarantined, these could count as unexcused absences.

Adjourn - @6:19 pm - Chris Weathersby