

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

August 18, 2022 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- Called to order by Chris Weathersby, Vice Chairman

Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present- Members present: Chris Weathersby, Russell Nuti, Erwin Thomas **Members by phone:** Patricia Goodman **Members Absent:** Tony Lee, Chairman, Grant Ward **Other:** School Leader- Ginger Almon, CFO- Lori Wilson, Athletic Director- Ben Crowdis **Visitor:** Tim Thompson

Approval of July Minutes - Motion to approve by Russell Nuti , 2nd by Erwin Thomas. All were in favor.

Approval of August Agenda - Motion to approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Erwin Thomas. All were in favor.

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- Tim Thompson, previous Board member stopped by the meeting to congratulate all members on a job well done. He stated that he is proud of the school and the work that is happening.

School Liaison (Ms. Fincher)- None

School Leader's Report - Information Items

- **Recent Successes and Celebrations** - Information Item
We have had a good start to the school year and are moving into the second week of school successfully. We have over 100 new students this school year. All of the teachers are working hard to ensure that they are building relationships with the students in their classes. We had a great team building activity during pre-planning that got the teachers excited about beginning on the right foot!
- **Athletics Information (Mr. Crowdis)** - Information Item
Coach Crowdis reviewed the different fundraisers that will be coming up throughout the year related to athletics. He reviewed the current needs related to the fields at SGSC. He also included that Varsity Softball, Middle School Softball, Middle School Football, One Act Play and Cross Country are all started and moving forward. These are busy times!
- **Enrollment Summary** - Information Item
499 students are on the roster at this time. More are expected as we plan to admit students off of the waiting lists when the no show students are removed from the roster. We ended the last school year with 395 students on the roster. We are also seeing our diversity percentages change amongst students as well. Reminder - cap per the charter agreement is 600 students.

Academic - Information Items

- **End of Grade Testing Results** - Information Item
Standing Item as we are awaiting the results to see if we will remain on the Needs Improvement list from the GaDOE. We should have this information around October or November. Preliminary data analysis shows that we should come off of the list this year.
- **Assessment Update** - Information Item
Next week (August 22-26), we will begin the new assessment, MAP Growth, for all students in the areas of reading and math. Students in grades 3-11 will take science as well. Social Studies will be administered through Progress Learning as well.

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of July Financial Report** - Action Item
Motion to Approve by Russell Nuti, 2nd By Erwin Thomas - All were in favor. The General fund was reviewed. The school is 8.33% through the fiscal year. We compared the areas of the general fund to the fiscal year percentage to monitor spending. Revenues total at 8.0%.

Expenditure total at 9%. The total fund equity for July is \$2,593,482.29. Board members reviewed all of the financials for the General Fund.

- Cash Flow- The monthly cash flow for July compares the revenue and expenditures for only July. It shows that our variance in cash flow is \$347,134.57. At this time, we do not have debt service payments. SGSC's DTI percentage has changed to 0% for this reason.
- **Approval of the July School Food Report** - Action Item
Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Russell Nuti. All were in favor. The school nutrition fund was reviewed. The revenues total to 0%. We did not receive any revenue for July because there were no claims to submit to the state. The expenditures total at 2%. Expenditures for July were also low because there was no food purchased in July. The total was from very little food purchases from June and payroll for July. The fund equity total is \$180,152.68.
- **CPF Point Calculation at this time** - Information Item
The Comprehensive Performance Frameworks Score Prediction was reviewed. The score remains at "100," with no drastic changes in any of the score determination areas.
- **ARP ESSER III Update** - Information Item
A firm budget will be presented to the board soon, regarding ARP ESSER III Facility Grant. We are waiting on purchase decisions and quotes before providing a budget for review.
- **Audit Update** - Information Item
Over 60% of the requested information to complete the audit has been submitted. We are waiting to close the fiscal year before we can submit the remainder. Also, August 29th is the beginning of the field work for the audit. Our current goal and projection for the auditors to have all of the requested information from SGSC is the end of September.
- **Job Pro Contract for Custodial Services** - Action Item
Motion to Bid custodial services Approved by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Russell Nuti. All were in favor. Board members reviewed the new contract submitted by Job Pro Services, LLC and decided that SGSC will bid out the custodial services before signing the contract provided. The contract from Job Pro Services, LLC is dated to begin in November 2022.

Governance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Expansion of school grounds (update)** - Information Item
At this time, we are waiting for environmental testing and an analysis to take place to complete the required proposal packet set by USDA. Once we have this accomplished, we will mail the information to government agencies also listed by USDA and begin the next step in the funding process.
- **Approval of Amended Cell Phone Policy** - Action Item
Board members reviewed the amended cell phone policy to include the addition of the words "and other electronic devices" into the policy due to students continuing to wear smartwatches and ear buds (air pods) because the policy didn't address these items. The board decided to change the name of the Policy to Electronic Device Policy. Motion to approved the Electronic Device Policy (AKA Cell Phone Policy) by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Russell Nuti. All were in favor.
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES** - Information Item
Board Members reviewed 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. All members felt that Mrs. Almon was meeting the standard in this area and referenced the many engaging activities that are offered for staff and students.

Adjourn Meeting - 6:13 pm Motion to adjourn made by Patricia Goodman, seconded by Russell Nuti. All were in favor.