

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors
Meeting April 21, 2022 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC**

AGENDA

Meeting also offered through Teleconference Option due to COVID-19:

Dial-in Number 978-990-5080: Access Code: 6521665

advertised on the School Website as well.

Call to Order - 5:31 p.m. called to order by Chairman, Tony Lee

Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present - By Phone are:
Lisa Jones, School Leader Ginger Almon. In Person are: Chairman - Tony Lee Chris Weathersby, Grant Ward, Patricia Goodman, Russell Nuti, CFO - Lori Wilson, Guest - Elisa Falco.

Approval of March Minutes - Motion to approve by Russell Nuti, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. 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 School - no comments

Liaison (Ms. Fincher) - no comments

School Leader's Report - Information Items

- **Recent Successes and Celebrations** - Accreditation completed
- **Information Item Accreditation Update** - completed the process today and went through the exit interview. Will have the final results in 30-90 days, but confident that we will be accredited based on the response to monitoring.
- **Information Item Upcoming End of Grade Testing** - starting next week will be with the 3rd, 5th, 8th grades taking the Georgia Milestones Assessment - 3rd (reading and math), 5th (reading, math, and science), 8th (reading, math, science, and social studies). The following week will be 4th, 6th, 7th with the 9th grade taking the end of course test in Biology and Algebra on May 9th and 10th. *Success if Sweet* is the theme for the testing period.
- **Information Item Athletics Information (Mr. Crowdis) - Information Item** - Things are progressing with middle school football. Signs for the Awesome Aggies supporters have started arriving and being placed on the fences. Cheerleader sign-ups for football and Softball sign-ups have also begun.

Academic - Information Items

- **Attendance Data - Information Item** - We are still falling in the 90% range with attendance, but it still needs to be increased to meet our goal of 96% attendance rate each week.
- **New Assessment for 22-23 School Year - Information Item** - We have decided that we are going to be moving to the MAP assessment program. The teachers have reviewed the products and are very pleased with the new program. We

have received 2 quotes for the programs. One is for the program and one is for the professional development piece for the teachers. Many schools are moving to this assessment because it gives more in depth assessments with better access to the data. Federal Programs will be paying for the program and CARES will be paying for the professional development

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **Approval of April Financial Report - Action Item** - Motion to approve by Grant Ward, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - All were in favor. 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 totalled 86.31%. This percentage is elevated due to the school receiving 100% of the SCSC Reimbursement Grant and the 100% drawdown on the Charter facility grant. Student transportation is at 96.56%. We anticipate this to reach a higher percentage due to the higher costs of fuel. Expenditures as a whole are closer to the percentage budgeted at 75.0%. The total fund equity for March was \$1,835,974.34.
 - **Cash Flow** -The monthly cash flow compares the revenue and expenditures for July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February, and March. It shows that our variance in cash flow is \$130,720.18 for this month. The revenue for March increased and the expenditures for March also increased in comparison to February financials.
- **Approval of the April School Food Report - Action Item** Motion to approve by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Grant Ward - All were in favor. The revenues total to 87.05%, which is closer to the percentage of the fiscal year completed because of the budget amendment. The amount is still higher but the CFO expects for the percentage to go over the revenue budgeted but taper off as we approach May and June. The expenditures were closer to target at 75.0%. The fund equity total is \$142,270.82.
- **CPF Point Calculation at this time - Information Item** - The school has earned the final “5” points for enrollment variance. The CPF score is now a “100.” This month shows no drastic changes in any of the score determination areas.
- **Modular Unit Update - Information Item**-The modular unit has been built and inspected. The inspection showed that the building is in compliance with state laws. B2B management, LLC will hold the modular unit until the week of May 9th so that our achievers can complete milestone testing before they deliver the building to the school campus.
- **CARES III Update - Information Item** -The school will have \$521,736 allocated towards ESSER III ARP- New expanding charters. We have submitted an expenditure approval form to GADOE to seek approval for the purchase of a second modular unit in order to limit class sizes in the classroom in prevention of COVID 19. We are also looking at budgeting some of the remainder towards new salaries. We will continue to update the Board Members on the allocation plans.
- **Bonus for Staff - Action Item** Bonus - The bonuses that are being provided by House Bill 190, Pre-K and the remainder by CARES will on the April Check Motion to approve by Russell Nuti, 2nd by Patricia Goodman - All were in favor.

Motion to Amend agenda to allow the voting of adding a local supplement for Certified Personnel Only was brought to the table. Motion to approve amendment and motion to approve offering local supplement made by Patricia Goodman and 2nd by Russell Nuti, all in favor.

Governance - Action Items and Information Items

- **21-22 SCSC CAP Submission - Information Item** - This is due on 4/25/2022 @ 11:59 p.m. We will be ready to submit. The amendments and policy change S28 are all based on findings or adverse actions from the CAP.
- **Approval of Policy and Handbook Amendments - Action Item** - Motion to approve all listed below ready for approval by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Chris Weathersby - All were in favor.
 - **Faculty/Staff Handbook**
 - Board - Executive Session 3(b) Open Governance - pg. 6
 - Search and Seizure 4(a) - pg. 16
 - Bullying 5(b) - pg. 51 and 52
 - Sexual Harrassment 5(b) - pg. 73
 - **Parent/Student Handbook**
 - Sexual Harrassment 5(b) - pg. 21
 - Dress Code - 4(a) - pg. 70 and 72
 - **Policy S28 - Addition of GaPSC**
 - **Policy B1**
 - **Policy B2 ---Not Voting at this time / Not Completed**
 - **Policy B3 ---No change**
 - **Policy B4**
 - **Policy B5 ---Not Voting at this time / Not Completed**
- **Expansion of school grounds (update) - Information Item** this is a standing item and there is no additional information at this time.
- **Governance Training Update - Information Item** - all board members have completed the online and in person training
- **22-23 Approval for Returning Staff - Action Item** - Motion for approval of returning staff made by Patricia Goodman, 2nd by Grant Ward, all in favor
- **22-23 New Hires - Action Item** - Motion for approval of all new hires made by Russell Nuti, 2nd by Patricia Goodman, All in favor
- **22-23 Resignations - Action Item** - Motion of approval of all resignations made by Grant Ward, 2nd by Patricia Goodman, all in favor
- **Discuss the school leader's performance related to LKES - Information Item**

Performance Standard 3: Planning and Assessment The leader effectively gathers, analyzes, and uses a variety of data to inform planning and decision-making consistent with established guidelines, policies, and procedures. Chairman Lee stated that he believes that Mrs. Almon goes above and beyond in this performance standard and she is actually exceeding in this area. The whole board agreed that the school as a whole is extremely lucky to have Ms. Almon.

Adjourn Meeting - Motion to adjourn meeting made by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Grant

Ward, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.