

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School  
Governance Committee Meeting  
August 15, 2022  
SGSC Media Center**

Call to Order - By Patricia Goodman @ 6:03 p.m. In attendance by phone were: Erwin Thomas, Grant Ward, Lisa Jones, Ginger Almon- School Leader, Lori Wilson- CFO

Approval of July Minutes - Action Item - Motion: Erwin Thomas\_ Second: \_Patricia Goodman\_ Vote: - All in Favor - Yes

Approval of August Agenda - Action Item - Motion: \_ Lisa Jones\_ Second: \_Erwin Thomas\_ Vote: Yes

Public Comment - None

**22-23 SCSC Monitoring Visit Protocol**

Ginger Almon - This year the SCSC held an overview webinar of the upcoming SCSC Monitoring. In comparison to past years, the SCSC will now require that all required documentation be uploaded into an application found on the SCSC Portal. This monitoring application was submitted to the board for their review. All is due into the portal no later than September 7, 2022 by 11:59 pm. Ginger Almon plans to form a team to tackle each component of the application to include: Lori Wilson for finance documentation, Nicole Horn for data and website documentation, Kadie Phillips for Parent Engagement and Homeless Liaison, and Candace McBride for graduation requirements and help with handbook updates. We feel confident that we will be able to get new policies approved, update existing policies, and gather all required documentation within the timeframe allotted by the SCSC. Though it will be a lot of work for all involved, it will be submitted ahead of the due date.

**22-23 Updated Cell Phone Policy**

The cell phone policy has been implemented with success from the faculty, staff, and students. Though we do have some that have violated the policy; overall, it has been very beneficial for instruction and behavior needs. With that said, we do need to include the addition of other electronic devices to include smart watches, air pods, and other forms of electronic communication that interfere with instruction. The board was presented with the latest cell phone policy amendment to review ahead of the upcoming board meeting. The committee members decided that the cell phone policy may need to be called electronic device policy moving forward.

**22-23 Enrollment Summary Report**

As of August 15, 2022, SGSC has 489 students enrolled: Male/Female/Total: 239/250/489. We are increasing the diverse population of students as well.

**22-23 Facilities Update**

We are currently still in the process of completing the application for the USDA grant.

**Adjourn - 6:14 pm**

Motion: \_ Lisa Jones\_ Second: \_Erwin Thomas\_ Vote: \_ All in Favor\_\_Yes