

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Governance Committee Meeting
November 17, 2022
SGSC Media Center**

Call to Order - By Tony Lee @ 5:30 p.m. In attendance were: Patricia Goodman, Erwin Thomas, Ginger Almon- School Leader, Lori Wilson- CFO, In attendance by phone were: Lisa Jones, Grant Ward

Approval of October Minutes - Action Item

Motion: Erwin Thomas_ Second: _Lisa Jones_ Vote: - All in Favor - Yes

Approval of November Agenda - Action Item

Motion: Patricia Goodman_ Second: _Erwin Thomas_ Vote: - All in Favor - Yes

Public Comment - None

School Safety and Security Recommendations

The Committee feels that using the School Safety Grant money to provide fencing at the front of the school with the use of swipe/keypad entry will be a positive move in the right direction for the school. Also discussed were the numerous windows that are on the exterior entrance doors to classrooms. We will look at getting those priced to see if a shatter resistant tint or replacing the doors will be the best option for the school - both financially and for safety purposes. We are still waiting for the swipe card entries for the side doors, bus camera updates, and school camera updates, but due to availability, we still do not have these items in place.

Staff Attendance Incentives

The Committee feels that providing gift card rewards for staff that has demonstrated perfect attendance for the first semester will be a good idea to make sure we recognize those staff members who have been to work each and every day.

Teacher Feedback Form Information

The teacher feedback form that was sent out yielded many different responses. The leadership team is working on addressing the different responses from the staff. The main items were staff attendance, staff volunteering, vertical alignment, lunch menus/shortages, parent and community involvement, school pride. We are tying these items back to the School Improvement Plan to create plans to resolve some of the issues at hand.

Schoolwide Initiative for Independent Learners

We are still working on getting a plan together for the teachers to understand the importance of them modeling independence in the classroom - changing their mindset - to get students to become more independent learners.

Enrollment Summary

479 students - 28.6% non white students

Comprehensive School Improvement Status

We still do not have an official status result. These should be public soon. We are confident that we will no longer remain on the GaDOE Needs Improvement Lists.

Adjourn 7:04 pm Motion: _ Erwin Thomas_ Second: _Lisa Jones _

Vote: _ All in Favor__ Yes

TIME ADJOURNED: _7:04_PM