

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Governance Committee Meeting
December 8, 2021
5:30 pm - SGSC Media Center

Call to Order - Chris Weathersby @ 5:33 pm

Approval of December Minutes - Action Item - Motion: Tony Lee Second: Grant Ward Vote: All Yes

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Public Comment - None

SCSC Renewal Process

- SGSC Vision Statement
 - No current Vision Statement
 - Vision Statement that was proposed to the Governance Committee: **SGSC Vision:** *A focused, competitive, hands-on, and joyful learning environment for all students that will prepare them to become successful, gracious, scholarly citizens.*
 - The Committee approved the proposed Vision Statement to be presented at the Board Meeting with no changes
- SGSC Mission Statement
 - Current: The Charter School's mission is "to foster in its students the passion and curiosity to become life-long learners and managers of their education."
 - Current: The mission of Southwest Georgia S.T.E.M. Charter School is to foster in its students the passion and curiosity to become life-long learners. Students will develop the ability and motivation to think independently, communicate effectively, and excel academically. Through an innovative curriculum, saturated in the sciences, technology, engineering, our students will become managers of their education. (time, resources, talents and environment) To accomplish this mission, Southwest Georgia S.T.E.M. Charter will:
 - *utilize a standards-based interdisciplinary STEM curriculum
 - *emphasize hands-on, real-world approach
 - *utilize inquiry and project based learning
 - *emphasize how to think, not what to think
 - *provide a well-rounded curriculum
 - *develop and preserve in students the appreciation of their agriculture/forestry rich surroundings (Place-Based Education)
 - *develop partnerships with local and regional Ag/Forestry related parties
 - *maintain a positive relationship with parents and the communityThe faculty and staff will serve as models, demonstrating strong intellectual, physical, social, and emotional skills of productive leaders and life-long learners.
 - Mission Statement that was proposed to the Governance Committee: **SGSC Mission:** *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.*
 - The Committee approved the proposed Mission Statement to be presented at the Board Meeting with no changes
- SGSC Innovative Features

- Current: The Charter School shall offer an interdisciplinary, place-based education paired with a STEM curriculum. Cultivation Stations will blend the standards into thematic units, allowing for multi-age collaboration in shared areas of common interests.
 - Proposed: *Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School shall offer an integrated education paired with STEM curriculum that focuses on the Engineering by Design Process. Cultivation Stations will blend the standards into thematic units, allowing for multi-age collaboration in shared areas of common interests.*
 - The Committee approved the Innovative Features to be presented to the Board with no changes
- Mission Specific Goals
 - Current: The operational portion of the Comprehensive Performance Framework incorporated as Exhibit A, holds the Charter School accountable for the following mission-specific goals:
 - During each year of the charter term, 100% of students will complete at least one Cultivation Station.
 - During each year of the charter term, the Charter School will increase the percentage of students absent 5 or fewer days per year by 2% each year over its baseline rate.
 - Proposed: The operational portion of the Comprehensive Performance Framework incorporated as Exhibit A, holds the Charter School accountable for the following mission-specific goals: ■ During each year of the charter term, 100% of students will complete at least one Cultivation Station. ■ During each year of the charter term, 100% of students will complete at least two educational STEM units that focus on the Engineering by Design Process.
 - School Attendance Zone
 - Current: Statewide
 - Proposed: Continue Statewide Attendance Zone
 - Other Information to add to the Renewal
 - The Governance Committee reviewed the application that was presented by Mrs. Almon and provided some feedback. Mrs. Almon will make changes and present to the Board during a called meeting over Christmas Break.

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