

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Governance Committee Meeting
December 12, 2022
SGSC Media Center**

Call to Order

By Tony Lee @ 6:10 p.m. In attendance were: Tony Lee, Patricia Goodman, Erwin Thomas, Ginger Almon-School Leader, Lori Wilson- CFO, In attendance by phone were: None in attendance by phone.

Approval of November Minutes - Action Item

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

Approval of December Agenda - Action Item

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

Public Comment - None

School Attorney

Hayden Hooks, our school attorney for the past 4 years has changed firms to Arnold & Hooks LLC, Attorneys at Law. The Board agrees that Mrs. Hooks has performed at a high level and would like to sign the agreement for her to remain our school attorney. Mrs. Wilson will have Mr. Tony sign the agreement and send the paperwork necessary to have our files released from the previous law firm.

Credit Card Need

SGSC is in need of a credit card to make purchases online and at stores that do not have accounts set up for billing. This has been an ongoing issue, but Mrs. Wilson has been in contact with Charity Charge to gain a secured credit card. It appears that we may have this in place by the end of January 2023.

Staff Attendance Incentives

We will plan to reward those staff members with perfect attendance for the first half of the school year with a \$100 gift card for their efforts. There are 6 people eligible for this reward.

Bus Purchase

As enrollment continues to grow, there is evidence of a need for an additional bus for the 23-24 school year. Our buses are almost all at max capacity now - even with two buses in Cuthbert and Dawson to help with the overflow. Mrs. Wilson will begin contacting Brantley Sims to see if there are any used buses available for purchase in the near future.

Enrollment Summary

As of December 15, 2022 - there are 475 students enrolled at SGSC - 29% non-white students. Diversity is always a focus and we are seeing small increases of diversity over time.

Comprehensive School Improvement

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School is no longer on the state of Georgia's Needs Improvement list in any area! A major accomplishment to all of the staff, parents, students, board, and community!

APPROVAL OF ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – 6:31pm

Motion: _ Erwin Thomas_ Second: _Patricia Goodman_ All in Favor__ Yes

TIME ADJOURNED: 6:31 PM