

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Governance Committee Meeting
October 13, 2021
5:30 pm - SGSC Media Center

Call to Order - 5:31 pm by Chris Weathersby

Approval of September Minutes - Action Item - Lisa Jones - Motion; Tony Lee - 2nd

Approval of Agenda - Action Item - Patricia Goodman - Motion; Tony Lee - 2nd

Public Comment - None

Facilities for 21-22

- Discuss the latest design from the architect
 - There were many questions from the committee members related to the latest drawing from the architect. We will invite the architect to attend the upcoming Finance Committee meeting or the upcoming Board Meeting to engage in a q and a session with the architect.
- Discuss purchasing a new mobile unit for the upcoming school year and where to put the unit
 - We recognize the need to purchase a mobile unit for the 21-22 school year to be able to house the students that we anticipate attending. We will move forward with providing different purchasing options for the Board to approve. Our timeline would be to purchase the unit and have it delivered after Christmas break.
- Discuss painting the lunchroom and replacing the windows
 - We are all in agreement that we need to keep the current cafeteria - even after the new addition. We will use this building for different areas of need. We agree that the building needs to be revamped on the outside so it isn't such an eyesore. The main items are replacing the windows, patching some of the brick work, and painting the building. Our first step is to get Albany Glass to come give an estimate for replacing the windows.
- Discuss the re-keying of the entire school
 - The entire school has been re-keyed to have one absolute Master Key. The work is not quite finished because a few locks had to be replaced. We have been satisfied with the work completed thus far.
- Discuss the addition of the swipe card entrances on side doors
 - We are working with Datacom to get a quote for the installation of the swipe entrances on the side doors of the main building. More information to come.

Cleaning up the Athletic Fields

Discuss the cleaning debris behind the baseball field, the bleachers on the football field, etc.

- Mr. Lee believes that they (Kevin Cotton) will be coming to clean the area behind the ball field fence within the next couple of weeks. He will follow up to make sure and check on the timeline. The PAGs are doing a fundraiser to replace the top bleacher on the set of bleachers at the ball field. Mrs. Goodman is continuing to work with Diverse Power to see about grant opportunities to replace the football field bleachers. We will also look to Board fundraising opportunities to raise money for the bleachers on the football field. We need to get the one set of bleachers removed from the campus (Adrienne Taylor).

Bus and Transportation Needs

- Discuss the need for sub drivers
 - We will advertise the need for sub bus drivers
- Discuss the potential for purchasing another school bus - used

- There is a need for another bus as the school continues to grow. This time we would look at purchasing a used bus because it may have to sit some due to lack of drivers for the positions. We will be writing this purchase into the remaining CARES 3 budget.
- Discuss installing a camera on the newest bus
 - Datacom will be working on a company to come and install the bus camera on the newest bus that was purchased

Discuss policy updates

- Senate Bill 153 prohibits SWGA stem from employing or having on the board any members of the board of a local system or an employee of a local school system. Current Policy B5 should be revised so that paragraph 17 reads:
“No Board member shall serve on the governing body of or be employed by a local school system from the geographic region which the charter school serves.”
- Add “e” to paragraph II of policy S16 to say:
“The School does not transport students in vehicles that seat fewer than 14 students.”
- Revise policy B3 to add a paragraph V to read:
“All meetings of the Board shall be opened to the public and shall be conducted in compliance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-18-. All meetings shall be held in person unless the Chair determines that public health, safety, environmental, or other emergency conditions exist for virtual meetings with simultaneous public access.”
- All of the policies will be presented to the Board for approval at the October 21st meeting

SCSC Monitoring Visit

- Discuss the upcoming SCSC Monitoring Visit scheduled for October 19th
 - SCSC representatives will be on campus at 2:00 pm for the monitoring visit. All areas will be monitored during the visit - Operations, Finance, and Academics
- Discuss the data for Meeting Academic area of CPF
 - We will be having a “Green Day” soon to celebrate the latest accomplishment of Meeting the Academic standard for the Comprehensive Performance Frameworks rubric from the SCSC

Bid Process

Discuss questions surrounding the current bid processes

- Mr. Lee wanted the committee to revisit the current bid process policy that we have in place to ensure that we are adhering to all of the criteria and requiring bids for all of the necessary purchases. We may look into revisiting the current services each year and putting in a bid reconsideration piece in place if there is a yearly contract.

Adjourn - 6:37 pm - Patricia Goodman - Motion; Tony Lee - 2nd