**Sandy Springs Middle School Governance Council**

**Meeting Minutes– November 19, 2019**

**7:45AM-8:45 AM**

* **AGENDA ITEMS**

**Principal Update**

1. **Teacher Awards**-based on SGC Strategic Plan (Student Achievement, Community Collaboration, People and Culture)
2. **Soccer Community Outreach** at Circa 400. Students and teachers played together along with some prospective students.
3. **SGP Score** 82.5% Highest score for SSCMS. Saw 19-point gain for ESOL Students!

Humanities Night, ESOL Night and International Night were all was big success! We had 20 countries represented.

1. **Upcoming December Event:** Students/Teacher Basketball/Volleyball Game

**Discuss/Brainstorm RFF**

1. **Student Success Skills Program**—Fulton County Program (Counseling Dept.) Idea that every teacher will teach study skills, sell awareness/management, collaborative problem solving etc..(Focus Time) Supposed to be rolled out in Fall of the 20-21 school year.
2. **Text For Help Program**. If a child needs help (suicide prevention) students will reach a 24/7 Counselor. Password is Stallions.
3. **Ideas**: Mindful Breathing Training (GDOT Program)-Promote self-awareness when students need a moment to reset—Teacher training. (Voluntary?),

**Review options for device bags**

1. Backpack samples and shoulder/messenger bag type.

**Set next meeting agenda 12/17**

* Presentation from Breathing Program
* Look at bag samples again. Leaning towards the messenger bag with a luggage tag for students to write their name.

**Important Dates**

**Future Discussion Points**

**Meeting Plan**