SGC Minutes – September 14, 2023, Time 5:07 pm

Members Present: **Octavius Harris**-Principal, **Rashida Armstrong-**Staff Rep, **Cassandra Bolding-**Staff Rep, **Judge Maldonado**-Parent Rep **Joshua Leonard**-Parent, **Kenae Stevens**-Parent Rep **Slone Malone** -Parliamentarian, **Nicholas Collins**- Staff Rep, **Mattison Downs**-Student Rep, **Davielle Shelton**-Student Rep

***Opening***-Judge Maldonado called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

Judge Maldonado moved to approve the agenda as published. It was moved and seconded by the members.

Approval of May 2023 minutes will be approved at our next meeting.

**Introduction of Members**- All members introduced themselves and shared how long they have been a member of Langston Hughes’ School Governance Council.

**Election of Members**- Mr. Harris opened the floor for nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair. The following members were elected to the following positions:

**Chair** – Rashida Armstrong

**Vice-Chair** – Judge Njeri Maldonado

**Parliamentarian** – Slone Malone (will remain and serve the required 2nd year).

**Selection of Sub-Committees**-Mr. Harris opened the floor for sub-committees- They are the following: Budget & Finance, Outreach & Communication, New Principal Selection.

**Budget & Finance** – Kenae Stevens, Nicholas Collins, Cassandra Bolding

**Outreach & Communication** – Joshua Leonard, Njeri Maldonado, Davielle Shelton, Rashida Armstrong

**New Principal Selection** – Slone Malone, Mattison Downs, Rashida Armstrong, Davielle Shelton, Kenae Stevens

Election to serve on the Superintendent’s Parent/Community Advisory Council- Mr. Harris nominated Judge Maldonado to serve on this council. Judge Maldonado accepted.

**Principal Update**-

**EOC Weekly & Bi-weekly Tracking:**  Coaches and Mr. Harris are regularly tracking how our scholars are doing in Biology, Algebra, U.S. History, and American Literature. We have increased in three of the four subject areas over last year.

**Culture Tracking-Behavior Incidents:** There was a 4% decrease in discipline incidents this year as compared to May 2023. We are feeling more like a family.

**School Staffing Changes-** Due to redistricting, we lost students to Creekside high school. The students we were slated to receive from Westlake high school decided to remain at their school. Therefore, our projected enrollment of more than 1900 students did not occur. As a result, we lost several teachers.

**Shifts to District Policy or School Practices**- The 2023-2024 SGC can vote on the Option In/Option Out regarding scholars taking Physical Education courses. Courses that can possibly be taken in place of P.E., are 1 Season of a GHSA sport, 1 Season of a Non-GHSA sport, 1 Season of Marching Band, or .5 Credit of Dance. We will put this information out for 30 days for the community to provide feedback. This information will be shared via our weekly Smore, and on our SGC website/page. After the 30 day period, we will vote. We will ask for an extension because the due date is October 2, 2023. The community will not have the required 30 days to provide feedback.

**Sub Committee Reports**: Sub-Committees were formed in this meeting. They will determine when and how often they will meet during our next meeting.

**New Business**- Meeting days and times. We decided to meet every 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. Since we did not meet in August, we will meet twice in September. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 28, 2023.

***New Agenda Items-*** The Chair- Ms. Armstrong and Mr. Harris will determine agenda items.

Next Meeting – Thursday – September 28, 2023

This meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.