October 29th, 2024 Minutes

 **Mimosa Elementary School Governance Council**

Date | time 10/29/2024| 4:00pm | Location Mimosa Elementary Media Center

# **SGC Member Attendance**

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| Ariane Holcombe, Principal | **** | David Evans, Parent | **** |
| Maggie Rogers, Teacher | **** | Adriana Lopez, Parent  |  |
| Julia Gomez, Teacher | **** | Kathy Ready, Community Member  | **** |
| Miranda Oliveri, Teacher  | **** |  |  |
| Patricia Romero, Parent |  |  |  |

# Meeting Minutes Summary

**Public Comment**: Ms. Lindsey Gooden was present at today’s meeting.

Ms. Evans Called the meeting to order.

**Action Item: Approve Agenda**

* Ms. Holcombe asked to move voting on charter dollars to the next meeting.
* Ms. Oliveri made a motion to approve, Ms. Rogers seconded. The agenda was approved.

**Action Item: Approve September Minutes**

* The date needs to be changed to September.
* Ms. Gomez made a motion to approve the September minutes, and Ms. Ready seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Discussion Item: Strategic Planning**

* Ms. Holcombe shared the schools strategic plan with the council. She also included ways that we may begin to think through supporting the goals set out by the strategic plan.
	+ Office Referrals – as an SGC we can think about spending money on brag tags
	+ Employee Satisfaction – as an SGC we can think about spending money for PBIS rewards for teachers, bulletin board supplies, etc.
	+ Grant Awards – as an SGC we can think about how to best support our parent population through grants as an SGC initiative
	+ Student Attendance – attendance has been lower this year than in past years.
* Mr. Evans opened up discussion surrounding the logistics of achieving the goals set out by the strategic plan, specifically regarding safety and community connections. Ms. Holcombe explained that this work can be supported through our SGC initiatives.
* We discussed ways to better utilize and involve our parent population and community through volunteer opportunities. Work that has in the past fallen onto teachers may be taken on through these volunteer opportunities. This is something we will think through in regard to our council initiatives.
* Ms. Rogers brought up increasing employee recognition when thinking through the employee satisfaction aspect. We discussed partnering with community members in this work.
* Mr. David explained that his church may be interested in partnering with our school. He challenged us to consider how we may best use these volunteers to support the goals set out by the action plan.
* We will think through how to best support the action plan as an SGC. We will continue the discussion next meeting and use this information to inform our council initiatives.

**Action Item:Approve Strategic Plan**

* The strategic plan was approved unanimously.

**Discussion Item: SY24-25 Council Initiatives**

* We will move this to the follow months agenda. Council members will think through ways to best support the action plan.

**Discussion Item: Review SGC Website for Compliance**

* We will work to have the website updated by our November meeting.
* Ms. Evans suggested creating a shared folder to streamline the posting of necessary documents.

**Action Item: Finalize Council Staffing**

* Someone from Yardi (local business) is interested in joining. They will hopefully be here at the next meeting.
* Ms. Rogers wondered if we were in compliance with number of members on each committee. Ms. Holcombe confirmed that our committee numbers are in compliance.

**Discussion Item: Debrief Fall Cross Council Meeting**

* Mr. Evans attended this meeting. He spoke to many members of other councils and gathered useful information. This includes different ways to utilize our charter dollars.
* Mr. Evans will compile this information into a document and share with the council

**Discussion Item: Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals**

* We will move this discussion to next month’s meeting as well. After our discussion surrounding council initiatives next month, we will use this information to inform decisions related to charter dollar expenditures.

**Informational Item: Principal’s Update**

* There will be remote learning day on November 5th. Staff will report to the building, but students will be at home.
* There will be a parent technology workshop on November 11th, and the district’s family matters event will take place at Mimosa on November 13th.
* Thanksgiving Lunch will take place the week of November 18th. Volunteers from North Point will be assisting. The book fair will take place that week as well.
* Ms. Holcombe then shared updated GMAS data from the previous year. The data has been updated to reflect the full academic year (students that start in November). There have been increases in almost every area when looking through this lens.
	+ Ms. Holcombe also explained that when looking at this data, it is important to consider newcomers. While first year EL students do not count towards this data, second year EL students do.
	+ There has been a high shift in newcomers, and as a school we must look at adjusting to ensure strategies used are meeting this shift in population.
	+ This also means looking for opportunities to engage and support this new population of families.

**Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting’s Agenda**

* We will further discuss the strategic plan and how to support this through council initiatives at our next meeting.

Ms. Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Ms. Gomez.