



# MEETING MINUTES

## Sweet Apple Elementary School Governance Council

*Date | time* November 29, 2023 | 2:50p.m. *Location* Microsoft Teams

### SGC Member Attendance

Andy Allison, Principal		Heidi Sawyer, Parent	X
Cindy Sulkowski, Appointed School Employee	X	Laura LaHara, Parent	X
Katie Faucett, Teacher	X	Kristin Kneeland, Parent	X
Cassie Moses, Teacher	X	Krystian Morales, Community Member	X
Laura Butler, Appointed School Employee	X	Zach Rogers, Community Member	x

### Agenda Items

Approve November Agenda & October Meeting Minutes	Action Item: Meeting Adjournment
Discussion Item: Introduce our newly elected community member- Zach Rogers	
Discussion Item: Spotlight on the Charter Dollars	
Discussion Item: Cross Council	
Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting Agenda	

### Meeting Minutes

#### Action Items

Motion	Time	By Whom	Second By	Voting Results
Call to Order	2:52	Cassie	Zach	All approved
Approve November Agenda	2:53	Cindy	Kristin	All approved
Approve October Meeting Minutes	2:53	Laura	Kristin	All approved
Adjourn Meeting	3:17	Krystian	Laura	All approved

Minutes:

Visitor in Attendance- Katie Kinsey

Introduction of Zach Rogers, our new SGC new elected community member

Spotlight on Charter Dollars- still in process of being written. Spotlight to share with community members about how Charter Dollars are spent at Sweet Apple. Mrs. Sulkowski and Mrs. Fauscett are writing this with Ms. Kinsey and then will share it with SGC and then it will be shared in Mr. Allison's email to the community.

Heidi Sawyer attended the Cross Council meeting. She shared that it was very hands-on and interesting to see how other councils work. One thing stood out to her was sharing how councils spend charter dollars. Interesting to see how charter dollars are creatively spent and to discuss at future meetings on other ways to spend these funds. Maybe survey teachers and see what needs they have and have more a discussion about how charter dollars could be spent. It was shared at the meeting that charter dollars should be a discussion had by the whole council and not one idea presented.

A suggestion was made to hold the Cross Council meeting earlier in the year so that discussions and ideas could be shared before voting on how to spend Charter Dollars. Ms. Kinsey said they will take that feedback and share that for changes next year.

Principal's Update- Mrs. Butler shared:

Mr. Brown, our former head custodian passed away over the weekend. This was shared with the teachers and staff at a staff meeting yesterday.

The last 3 days before Winter Break there will be no lunch visitors (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday).

We earned a .5 Counselor this year and Mrs. Henton had been hired for this position. Unfortunately Mrs. Henton can no longer fill this position due to retirement and HR procedures. They are opening up a position for a .5 MTSS Coordinator.

The state rankings came out and Sweet Apple is ranked #17 out of over 1800 schools. There will be celebrations for the staff for this achievement.

Superintendent Meeting Info: Mrs. LaHara went to the Superintendent Meeting. There will be a public meeting to address the proposed calendar updates in December. There will be a link shared for this meeting.

Covid Relief funding ends in 2024 and they discussed initiatives that were funded and will have some decisions to make to see which programs will be able to continue when these funds end.

They are starting a Level Up Program to try to help with teacher retention and possibly provide funding for higher education and mentorships.

Our next meeting will be on January 31- in person 8:00 am in Wolfie's Den

Agenda Item for next meeting: Bring ideas to share

Possibility- new Math Standards

Charter Dollar Ideas for next year

Safety Concerns- carpool