

**Governance Council
Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2018**

Roll Call: Ethridge, Cattlebary, Griffin, Girard, Magas, McGee, Osmerg, Loveland

Guests: Vijay

7:39am: Meeting called to order.

Minutes/Agenda: November 27 minutes approved.

SGC Committee

Update: We need a new community member; Tara got some names. Francis (vending machine), Holly (Dunwoody Nature Center) are both interested. Holly has been appointed to the SGC, attended first meeting today. Francis will be invited next year. Holly brought tablets for the students. Holly, DNC since 1997. Working in Dunwoody area for a long time. Loves relationship with Woodland. DNC is a big part of our STEM program, gardening, etc.

Principal's Update: Three more days until school break. Mistletoe & Merriment tonight – special needs performances across several schools. Thursday is pajama sing-along. Woodland named as Title 1 Distinguished School list – one of four Fulton County schools to be named. Received 5-star climate rating survey information. Will communicate purpose of survey. Goes to the state – about safe school, welcoming school, feeling like part of the community. Share the great things about our school. 37% for Title 1; good for 2019. Need to plan hard again next year to get more people to fill out form or sign-up online. Possibly set up kiosk to sign up online while at school. Need to work out details to make this happen. Over \$200k pays for parent liaison and two STEM teachers. NEED every year. Photo will be taken. Reviewed strategic plan – overall strategic plan with two goals per pillar. Aligned with county's strategic plan – math, literacy percentage; parent involvement, climate, management of funds, people & culture. Safe, warm, welcome, want to stay. Increase partnership and community communication. Need to make sure we reach the right person. Each column has additional sheets on individual columns (i.e., student achievement). We monitor each goal. The county is saying that February: expectations of exceptional council (will grade us on our board). NEED PDF FROM TARA. Does Jerry need to take chair training given his new position. Layla is chair of communications committee, Mara is chair for budget committee. 2nd page: evidence of progress of strategic planning. In the past: community breakfast – what is our POA for each section? SGC/PTO joint meetings? How do we market what our council does? Need to re-look at community relationships – need a hub. Communications and Outreach committee – need to meet 2x year – catalog community outreach, new transition plan for SCG members, etc. Also have to make sure SGC website is up to date – Susan keeps this up to date. Last random audit, we received 100%. Elect and send SGC feeder schools; how we share strategic plans and build relationships – need to start using social media. Should SGC come talk to teachers/staff, etc? Need some quick wins.

Outreach and Communication: McGee, Cantlebury, Isles, Girard, Griffin, Loveland – should Susan Bowers move to this committee because of her past experience. Susan to provide info from Paul. Tara to ask if Bowers and Isles can switch communities. Layla to set up meeting in January.

Elections start in February.

Mary – three other non-SGC people can attend each committee. Should Jeannine be on the budget committee? Or Lakshemi? Tara to provide Lakshemi info to Mary to invite her to the group. Tara providing last year's budget as an example. Need to fund initiatives; Mary to set up meeting; invite Tara to discuss last year's budget. Need someone to write grants – ask Jessie, Cheri Mills, Lauren? Mary to set up meeting in January.

Just received \$3,000 grant to buy two Buddy Benches, brighten up bathrooms, etc.

FOW/PTO: New yearbook vendor; personalized pages. Mini grants awarded. Completed Thanksgiving Luncheon, book fair.

Open Discussion: Look into What's App. Vijay demonstrated. We could broadcast videos, messages, etc. Better than email.

Next Meeting: January 22 at 7:30am.

8:20 am: Meeting adjourned.