

# SGC MINUTES

## High Point Elementary | School Governance Council

*Date:* January 25<sup>th</sup> 2022 | *Time:* 7:30 am | *Location:* HPES Room 123

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**SGC Members in Attendance:** Jessica Arnold, Teacher | Nicole Hudson, Parent | Dhaval Desai, Parent | Megan Eldridge, Teacher | Lib Roberts, Community Member | Danielle Miller, Principal. (by phone) | Rachel Walker (Parent Rep) | Ms. Megan Eigel, Teacher

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**Meeting called to order at 7:34 AM – By Nicole Hudson**

**Action Item: Approve Agenda**

Nicole Hudson asked for the meeting agenda to be approved. Dhaval moved to approve, Group seconded the move, and agenda approved unanimously.

**Action Item: Approve November Minutes**

Nicole asked for the meeting minutes to approve. Group moved to approve seconded the move, minutes approved unanimously.

**Action Item: Planning for Parent/Teacher SGC Elections**

Discussion held on who's up for re-election. Rachel Walker's parent position and Jessica Arnold's teacher position are up for election. Declaration made for 1 parent seat and 1 teacher seat. February 1<sup>st</sup> is when the declaration period starts. It will put out clasdojo and Fulton County will send a link. When we get the link, we will send out. Nicole will reach out to Freddie Benschine to verify timeline.

**Action Item: Planning for Annual Budget Approval**

Dr. Miller has a meeting on the upcoming Monday which is an all-day meeting to discuss the school budget for next school year. After that meeting, she will leave with a draft. Then, Dr. Miller will meet with the Budget Committee separately. Dhaval, Rachel, Ms. Eigel on Budget Committee. Strategies around budget committee. The Budget Committee has meet, and Dr. Miller will follow-up with a discussion about the budget to SGC at the next meeting.

**Discussion / Action Item: Council Funding**

**A. Safety Funds – Cyberbully Speaker Recap, Finalize Expenditure**

Deadline for safety funds was extended until January 31<sup>st</sup>. We've already submitted for funds. We discussed the feedback on the speaker from CHOA and the presentation. Overall, feedback has been positive with some constructive feedback around students being in the audience for a very mature topic. The presentation has been sent out on clasdojo and an electronic survey has been sent to gather feedback. These survey results can be shared at the next SGC meeting.

## **B. Charter Dollars – Pep Rally Planning, sunshine cart, STEAM initiatives**

PEP Rally – Discussion was held around Pep Rally planning with Fred Blankenship. At next meeting, we can decompress and discuss similar future events.

IB -Store is going to be back up and running. Make sure we are giving DOJO points. Want less work on the teachers. Want to keep some track on how kids get down. Can there be something that teachers or students fill out that how many points that they used at the store? Student brings down the check. PBIS Store by February! (\$5000) Finalization and further discussion at the next SGC meeting.  
K through 2

STEAM Initiatives – Nicole will reach out to community person – Ms. Bowens – tons of STEAM supplies. Call it a “In-house field trip”. Nicole has looked into it. Chattahoochee Nature Center, Georgia State. Grade-level appropriate – rotation. Classes rotate through different classrooms. SSEF connection. More ongoing discussion on that

Sunshine Cart – Furniture Cost - \$200 / month – for 5 months --- \$1000 – this cost was approved for use for the Sunshine Cart for staff.

## **Information – Principal’s Update**

### **A. School Safety**

Already reviewed. Walkie talkies and decals being installed. Concern about alarm. What to do in your classroom if it goes off? This process will be reviewed with Staff.

### **B. Student Data / Semester & Principal’s Update**

Our Iready diagnostics was discussed. Our goal is 50% of grades 1 through 5 in reading will make gains (on or above grade level). 51% currently in reading on or above (up 15%). In math, we only have 39% on or above grade level (16% gain). Overall, good progress. Semester 2 goals will be made. Our intervention goals are to make sure to avoid 2 or more grade levels below by 30%. We moved 46 scholars out of the red in reading. We moved 14 scholars out of the red in math.

IB Authorization update – overall, amazing feedback! “Commendations” – Let’s brand this success! We are only Fulton County cluster / continuum from pre-K through High School (we are “living it” It’s “who we are). Dhaval will reach out to Sandy Springs Reporter with information, and report back.

Alliance Theater – Care Funds – for grades 2 and 3 cohort. Starting after school.

We got \$4000 ground funds. Principal can choose what to use it. Purchasing signs for the outside. We are getting additional rugs for carpool and walker. Dr. Miller wants every hall to have pictures of the students. Fulton County has a print shop, and will make nice posters. Pictures of kids doing things. Dr. Miller is working with Mr. Hunter for some exemplar artwork to get framed in each grade levels.

Summer School will only be for grades 3 to 5 who don't pass GA Milestones. It's going to be at Heards Ferry.

Enrollment Projections /Retention Update. Enrollment projects were discussed. This can be revisited at the budget presentation by Dr. Miller. Music teacher for next year was discussed, and want to send her to ORF Training.

**Informational Item: Superintendent Advisory Councils Update**

**A. Helping Hands and Hunger**

Table for next meeting for follow-up