

SGC MINUTES

High Point Elementary | School Governance Council

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

SGC Members in Attendance: ~~Jessica Arnold, Teacher~~ | Nicole Hudson, Parent | Dhaval Desai, Parent | ~~Megan Ellis, Teacher~~ | Lib Roberts, Community Member (Teams) | Danielle Miller, Principal. (by phone) | ~~Rachel Walker (Parent Rep)~~ | Ms. Megan Eigel, Teacher (phone) | Dr. Lashonda Mills (Ridgeview – Graduation Coach). | ~~Rianna Kidder~~

Meeting called to order at 7:44 AM – By Nicole Hudson

Action Item: Approve Agenda

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

Action Item: Approve January Minutes

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

Discussion Item: Planning for Parent/Teacher SGC Elections

A link has been sent out for elections (same link for parents and teachers). This will be sent out again by the County. **Dr. Miller will put link on DOJO (1 teacher position and 1 parent position).** Rachel Walker is rolling off and Ms. Jessica Arnold is rolling off.

Discussion Item: Budget Meeting follow-up & Planning

Dr. Miller presented current projections for students and teachers. A sixth teacher was given for 2nd grade as this cohort has been displaced / shuffled two years in a row. 4th grade classes will be large, but with support programs (homeroom will be 28 students).

13 more students enrolled for 2023-2024 based on budget.

Dr. Miller reviewed funds given. Specifically, traffic officer budget of \$9,900 will be for SRO for events or for morning traffic police.

Professional Days – for sub and other training costs for professional development.

At Risk Funds – for early intervention program.

ESOL monies. This hit us hard this year. For the past 2 years, we had \$30000 for ESOL money (using to pay for 0.5 FTE for parent liaison). This was not given this year due to threshold for 30% of population as English as Second Language, and we are currently at 28%. This is a major loss of funds. Cliff Jones (Chief Academic Officer from Fulton County) gifted \$30,000 to HPES.

Population for Title 1 went up. Roughly 50% of student population is Title 1.

Our budget is UP from last year, regardless of losing the \$30000. We are using more money on personnel as Dr. Miller feels we need more people. We need facetime for the students. Because we lost personnel, the majority of our money is going towards personnel.

From IB Coordinator standpoint, budgeted at 0.5 FTE. With the IB visit, it was asked that the write up discuss that the county appropriately budget to 1.0 FTE for this coordinator position.

Essentially, Dr. Miller purchased 4 addition FTE – 1.5 FTE EIP Teacher; 0.5 FTE ESOL Parent Liaison; 0.5 FTE Admin Assistant for IB coordinator; 1.0 FTE Instructional Math Coach; 0.5 FTE Admin Assistant (Ms. Eigel will take this role).

Dr. Miller adjusted the Instructional Materials and Supplies budget. The PTO and Sandy Springs Education Force provide to the teachers and schools. It's a good resource for us

We can always move instructional materials and supplies budget (approx. \$12K) to other buckets.

We do have rollover that happens. Because we are Title 1, we get rollover. Our major rollover happens in the summer. We are going to estimate that we will get approximately \$25K.

Dhaval motioned to approve. Ms. Arnold second. Unanimously approved. Dr. Miller was commended on outstanding efforts and work on the budget.

Discussion Item: Spring cross council meeting

The Spring Cross Council Meeting is supposed to be sent out soon from the SGC. TBD.

Discussion Item: Charter Funds

Cyberbullying Survey Results

Results reviewed on the survey from parents. We will continue to work on future presentations and opportunities.

PBIS Store and Additional Funds

It's going to be up and running at end of the month. Parent sign up sent via DOJO to help with the store.

Dr. Miller is meeting with Ms. Keurlic to look at space / for teacher's lounge. She is going to give ideas on how to maximize space. SGC may be asked to help with updated teacher's / communal lounge. So far, we have used \$1000 for teacher, \$500 for PBIS. The actual amount we have for next meeting is the pending amount that is left.

We were awarded \$9000 for Sandy Springs Leadership. Allison Carlson (Grounds for PTO). Working on outdoor space (we are looking at some type of platform or turf to put underneath one of the courts).

Shade Structure – pending.

STEAM Initiatives

Nicole Hudson reached out to community STEAM expert (Nicole). In-house field trip and a grade level rotation. Dr. Miller will see how we “contract / vendor”. Does Alliance Theater have STEAM activity?

Community STEAM options for next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 AM

Next meeting on March 29th 7:30 AM.