

# MINUTES

## Sandtown Middle School: School Governance Council

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11/14/23 | 6:00pm | *Virtual* Public may attend the meeting by joining this [SGC 11.14.23](#)

### SGC Members

Attendees: Miranda Freeman, Principal | Javon Norman, Teacher | Thomas Morse, Parent | Camille Crowder, Appointed Staff | Natosha Rucker, Appointed Staff | Sheila Brown, Parent | Diedre Caldwell, Parent | Myana Solomon, Parent | Jaynaia Griggs, Parent | Marcia Green, Teacher | Erica Douglas, Parent | Tonya Rawlings, Parent | Monica Roberts, Assistant Principal

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### Meeting Called to Order

Ms. Crowder called to order at 6:03 p.m.

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### Action Items

Motion to approve Oct. 17, 2023

1<sup>st</sup> -Griggs

2<sup>nd</sup> – Solomon

3<sup>rd</sup>- Morse

Motion to approve Oct. 24,2023

1<sup>st</sup> – Brown

2<sup>nd</sup>- Morse

3<sup>rd</sup>- Solomon

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### Cross Meetings

Morse- Orientation of the charter dollars and how to build the council. We need to do more community and collaborative work. Took down names of different council members at different schools. Met with other nonprofit organizations to provide a collaborative approach for the 21<sup>st</sup> century community grant. Spoke to Foster to find out how to do it and what other schools would be interested in. It is important to student achievement. Brings in additional support for math and

reading. Ties into the strategic plan. Has a committee meeting on Dec 26. Great for building community and have a lasting impact.

Crowder will send out an invite to meet to talk about the initiatives for the school strategic plan.

Brown- collaborated with other teams. Took away that they are invested in their students. We are about to release a student center. They have a room for downtime for PBIS.

### Superintendent Council:

Emergency and Safety Plan- parent advisory council will like to get a thought of exchange for safety plans for our school. Use the link to see where we are as a county and school. Make sure that we are meeting the needs of our community. Voices are needed and wanted.

Crowder: Is there a deadline?

Morse: It is ongoing until the next council meeting.

Crowder: Everyone should complete it by Dec 12 before our next council meeting.

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### Council Initiatives

We must pick two items that will help to make the 2023-2024 year amazing.

We need to meet on Dec 6 to see what the two top ideas are. Crowder advises us to look at the diagram to see which two areas of our focus.

We need to determine success and how we can assist as a council for teacher and student support.

Morse: People and Culture are important. To establish partnerships is key. Bethel and United Methodist Church. Focus on mindset and perceptions. It is important to make a proposal for our cluster to be a partner in this effort. Workshops that center around parent empowerment. Navigate 504s, IEPs.

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### Principal Updates

Big Rock Relationship Routines- Attendance

49-69% by December (increase attendance)

To increase by 30%. We are trending up. A lot of our staff and scholars has been sick. Covid is an issue and we have dived deep into attendance each week.

We also look at how our behavior affects attendance. Make sure that ISS does not cause chronic absenteeism.

I-Ready Math and I-Ready Reading- use data to make recommendations for high school (8<sup>th</sup> Grade); 7<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (SSS course).

Tier 1 Instructional Goal is the same and has not changed.

Interim for Science for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholars to seek out tutorial time and let their teachers know if additional assistance is needed. Science and SS teachers will take a half day to dive into data to ensure that they make progress. We need 70% or more pass rate on the Interim.

We are still implementing CER and GIST for Reading; Math I Ready

We need 70% of staff to use the initiatives and we have a measure by which to tell who is using the initiatives in their course.

Ms. Walker was selected from 1 of 75 band directions for the Foster AWARD. Band conference in December in Chicago.

Discipline- want to include a safe environment. We are at 622 OSS Days. We will not allow others to disrupt their learning. We wont sacrifice learning. That means if we come short of our goal then it is for the betterment of the scholars for learning. We are under

November- trending up for each grade level. Our students are anticipating the much-needed break. They are becoming more antsy. We increased the number of incidents. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> in the grade level who is leading the way for incidents for November. We utilize detention, Rethink ED, Silent Lunch, Writing Prompts, Graduation Coach, and Dispo. Our last result is the office referral.

We have a question about the level of rigor for students. Rigor is the work that challenges the scholars in thinking and new different ways. Success is not defined by the classroom, but for life. Academic content is related to the standards. It provides access for all scholars to meet those expectations. We are preparing students for lifelong learners, college, high school, etc.

Another concern is teacher absences. We monitor teacher attendance daily. Ms. Roberts is the time keeper. If a teacher is sick and approved for FMLA. We cannot dictate or demand that the teacher comes to school. Life happens. It is nothing in our control. Teachers are invested in our scholars. When they are sick they have to stay home to not infect others. We encourage them to take care of themselves and their families.

Device Redeployment-

Students will check out the computers and return them at the end of the day.

We had to replenish 600 devices that were broken or needed repair.

We had to change schedules to accommodate the computer deployment.

PBIS Leadership-

Lunchroom Takeover- threw a huge party with 107.9.

PBIS for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

-furniture was approved by the district

- district does not approve none of the instructional

- Skate Party- December

-Sneaker Ball- December

-November- Faculty vs. Teacher Volleyball Game

Volunteers-

For cafeteria.

300 per students in the cafeteria

Has 5-6 adults

Teachers have duty free lunch.

Need volunteers to assist with lunch.

Hallways during transition. The entire school moves at one time.

We want to keep bulletin boards up

Make additional copies for teachers.

Questions:

Ms. Payne- Go over the schedule change where the 1<sup>st</sup> is now the 7<sup>th</sup> period.

Rawlings- Can you speak to the IC and the grades notifications? If many grades have not been inputting grades. Students should not be turned away from tutorials if they are not failing a course?

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## Charter Dollars

District will not approve items if it is not instructional materials.

Alternative to look at school activity funds and fundraisers.

Ms. Norman will post the matrix for charter dollars on the website.

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## Community Concerns/Questions

Brown- Can we have the plan for the rest of the year? I would like to have it so that we know how to proceed for the rest of the year.

Rawlings- Is there another way in which we can bring in more community members who can inspire students and parents? Can we strategize how to connect the dots.

Sneaker Ball Tickets- it is a fundraiser for the PTSA. There is a meeting tomorrow at 6. p.m.

Crowder adjourned the meeting at 7:06