

# SCG Meeting Minutes

Sandtown Middle School: School Governance Council 12/7/2023 | 6:00pm | Virtual Public may attend the meeting by joining this link: SGC Committee Meeting (Called)

SGC Members Miranda Freeman, Principal | Camille Crowder, Chair | Jaynaia Griggs, Co-Chair | Javon Norman, Parliamentarian | Natasha Rucker, Appointed Staff | Sheila Brown, Parent | Diedre Caldwell, Parent | Myana Solomon, Parent | Marcia Green, Teacher | Thomas Morse, Parent | Erika Douglas, Parent | Monica Roberts, Assistant Principal

## **Call to Order**

Ms. Crowder called the meeting at 6:06

## **Action Item; Review meeting purpose and Norms**

Ms. Crowder provided that the purpose of the meeting was to see how Mr. Morse ideas connect with our school improvement plan and mission for the School Year 2023-2024. Ms. Crowder read our norms before beginning the meeting.

No meeting minutes to approve; will approve next week for our November meeting. Crowder asked the team members to review the agenda.

## **Action Item: Approve 12/7/23 Agenda**

Crowder motioned to approve the day's agenda.

1<sup>st</sup>: Solomon

2<sup>nd</sup>: Caldwell

## **Action Item:**

T- Morse Community Involvement/Engagement

- Wanted to gauge where the team is.
- He wants to make sure that he can do all that he can to bring in community support.

- Applying for a 21st Century grant to support after school and summer program.
- Reached out to Foster to do more collaboration for the South Fulton's schools that need help. (Heritage and Paul D. West).
- Asked if we were open to work with other schools to get the grant money and proposal. Will go to other schools to see what resources what they need.
- \$700,000 for the next three years (working with 10 other non-profits- Mother's Raising Sons).
- Rugby, Special Ed Programs ensuring that they have what they need to instruct our students.
- Wanted to identify if there were other needs and resources that can used to help Sandtown.
- I know that we need help with programs for Reading and Math (outside of I-Ready we need APEC) to bring those services in to help our students who are struggling.

### **Questions/Comments:**

-Solomon- A recent decision was to end tutorials starting next semester at Sandtown. I am concerned about what this would look like.

- Caldwell- Can you explain what happened? It was used for math heavily.

-Solomon- was needed for making up assessments and to check in with their teachers. I am unsure if it is raising concerns in the community. It will be missing in January.

- Crowder- This is new for me. We can bring this up in next Tuesday's meeting. We can discuss this with Principal Freeman.

-Solomon- It is in Principal Freeman's SMORE. It states that from evaluating its effectiveness, teachers are not mandated to stay, students are not leaving until 7 p.m. I was thinking it was a good way to provide stipends through the grant. I think we need to put our brains together; it is critical and will be missing.

-Crowder- We can look at some supplemental materials based on the data tie that into the instructional needs. There are teachers who would like to have morning tutorials than afternoon. Principal Freeman will address this as well in her presentation.

Solomon- I feel horrible about the subs in the building. How can we close the gap for students who are not getting appropriate instructional experience.

Rucker- Spoke to Ms. Hood this afternoon, the school will offer extended learning. Not sure of the target, but they will have opportunities for extended learning. We can investigate this as well for a potential target.

Crowder- We had a specific curriculum for extended learning. We focused on the skill sets the students needed.

Morse- it (the grant) does support extended learning as long as it ties to the school's improvement plan. The application is due Jan 24. Has to work quickly to get things approved. Active listening into the SEL Boot Camp/Summer Program. Spoke to Ms. Blackley about this aspect. Wants to get the "ball" rolling to get the district to see that it is a South Fulton initiative/community initiative. Wants measures in place to support parents and students.

Solomon- Asked Morse to reach out to Franchesca Warren.

Morse- these individuals are on my list. I wanted to have the approval of the council before we move forward. They need to see us working together before I go to leaders for help.

Solomon- Agree, it is time to bring the community back to our schools.

Morse- I want our kids to be proud of who we are.... And our community. We need to send our kids to the neighborhood schools. Feels that he needs to advocate harder for the needs to the kids, teacher, and community. Wants to be a better advocate.

Crowder- Next meeting will be longer because we are nearing a break. Will Create a Teams page where everyone can drop information to share with the team. Open the floor for other comments to discuss.

Brown- Wants to be involved so that she can be apart from it. She believes in our community. We need to keep our money in our own community before we leave it. She asked for a task.

Morse- Our kid's identities are not being identified and not being able to adjust. They need representation and not question who they are. He will send the email out and share some of the programs that he is attached. Need a list so that we can be more innovative in our approach.

Morse- Teen Summit at Columbia High School. Provide a platform for teenagers to share what is happening to them.

Caldwell- mentioned she is willing to help alongside Mr. Morse.

#### **Review Budget/Finance Committee Updates**

Nothing was discussed in this section.

#### **PTSA Updates**

Nothing was discussed in this section.

#### **Adjournment of Meeting:**

Crowder: Thank everyone for their time. Looked for the Teams invite for the SGC Meeting. Will keep it locked but will add Principal Freeman. We can use the information and begin implementing the information discussed in Jan. Appreciated the effort of the team and Mr. Morse. Adjourned at 6:34 p.m.