

Sandtown Middle School: School Governance Council 12/12/2023 | 6:00pm | Virtual Public may attend the meeting by joining this link: [SGC Meeting 1.9.24](#)

SGC Members Miranda Freeman, Principal | Camille Crowder, Chair | Jaynaia Griggs, Co-Chair | Javon Norman, Parliamentarian | Natosha 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. Norman called the meeting to order at 6:04.

Action Item: Review Meeting Purpose and Norms

Ms. Norman read the meeting minutes to the staff and ensured that they understood the goals of our meeting.

Action Item: Approve December Meeting Minutes

December Meeting Minutes were approved

1st: Morse

2nd: Caldwell

Discussion Item: Planning for Parent/Teacher SGC Elections

Ms. Norman provided the deadline for when the Teacher SGC Elections will take place; noted that announcements will be made to encourage other teachers to come. Noted that a few of the board members will roll off this year: Ms. Norman, Ms. Rucker, Mr. Morse, and Ms. Caldwell.

Discussion Item: Planning for Annual Budget Approval

Ms. Norman read the dates for when budget approvals and considerations to take place. Crowder confirmed when deadlines would take place to have the information submitted.

Action Item: Charter Dollar Expenditures and Vote and Update

Ms. Norman discussed how money was voted on by the board for certain items, but those items did not meet requirements. Therefore, additional funds are still left for charter dollars expense. As of today, charter dollar funds have been spent on the following: Green, counselors, and Roberts for activity room. Also, Walker for the drumline. Next meeting, we will vote on Walker's request.

Ms. Norman mentioned a new process. Ms. Caldwell wanted more information about the new process. However, Principal Freeman and Crowder cleared up the process was the same, but that Collier is learning how to process the information through the FCS system.

Informational Item: Principal Update

- Thank everyone for their support.
- Discussed Academic Goals for SY 24 (major improvements in Science and Social Studies in 8th Grade.
- Provided a shout out to Ms. Roberts and Ms. Stacker for their efforts.
- These results also indicated student performance levels for the GA Milestones. Based on the projections led to instructional decisions and supports for students.
- Discussed 2nd Semester Goals for Relationships and Routines, Tier 1 Instruction, and interventions.
- Discussed Attendance goal being to decrease severe absences by 30% will talk with attendance team
- Discipline data has declined and we are trending better than we were a year ago.
- Grades 6th and 7th have the higher incident rate in the building for November and December
- Our discipline has decreased due to strong discipline practices, staff accountability, and scholar accountability. In just one year we went from 520 incidents to 184 incidents.

Questions:

Brown: How do we support students at different levels?

Roberts: I-Ready, Extended Learning

Morse: Do we still have Rugby and Chess

Freeman: We have do have Chess regularly, but only a few students for Rugby.

Morse: will follow up with Future Foundations. Wanted to know if things were aligned with grant allocations.

Informational Item: Supervisory Council Update:

Morse: No update due to the holiday. Will provide update at next meeting.

Morse: Asked about who would have the SGC handbook to share with PTSA representative to have a joint meeting to prepare for new people on. I want to make sure to find a successful person to bring others on. PTSA Representatives stated that they have a couple of people in mind that they have targeted due to parents rolling off because scholars are transitioning to 9th grade.

Informational Item: Public Comment

Brown- Activity Room and what is needed.

Roberts- Ordered furniture. Still in need of game items and entertainment items are missing.

Brown- will speak with Ms. Roberts about items of need.

Meeting Adjourned:

Ms. Norman adjourned the meeting at 6:43.