

Sandy Springs Charter Middle School School Governance Council: Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 15, 2020,
7:45-8:20 AM
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Members in Attendance

Laurie Woodruff [Principal], Petrina Hill [Chair], Austin Lawhead [Vice Chair], Mary Frost [Parliamentarian], Katherine Schuessler, Neil Hytowitz, Melanie Couchman, Tashema Atkinson

Action Items:

Item	Approved or Denied
Action Item: Call to Order	Lawhead – Motion, Atkinson – 2 nd
Action Item: Motion to Approve Agenda	Schuessler – Motion, Atkinson – 2 nd
Action Item: Motion to Approve December Meeting Minutes	Couchman – Motion, Frost – 2 nd
Action Item: Approve January 5 Meeting Minutes	Frost – Motion, Lawhead – 2 nd
Action Item: Approve Allocation of funds for additional water stations	Couchman – Motion, Schuessler – 2 nd
Action Item: Meeting Adjournment	Couchman – Motion, Hytowitz – 2 nd

Informational Items, Discussion Items and Follow-up Actions:

Discussion Item: Continue Budget Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extra monitors purchased with SGC funds arrived and were distributed. Monitors came in significantly under budget. Cabling is on the way. Final amount forthcoming once all materials arrive. - Discussed possibility of allocating funds to install one on each grade level hall. Approximately \$7,000. A motion was made to allocate funds toward installing these stations and approved by the SGC. - Discussed the possibility of allocating funds to buy a Gimkit license for the building (\$1,000). Also discussed school level license for Talking Points, multilingual parent messenger app. Currently not in FCS marketplace. Lawhead, Hytowitz, and Frost to investigate pricing; Woodruff to request a county review.
Discussion Item: Schedule Committee Meetings	Added Hytowitz and Couchman to Communications & Outreach committee. Budget and Finance (2/3/21) / Communications & Outreach (2/3/21) committees meetings scheduled.
Informational Item: Principal's Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 45% of students back in the building (2% increase from last semester). - Met with City of Sandy Springs about the intergovernmental agreement with the city: Resurfacing of the outside basketball courts, including addressing the drainage issues, adding bleachers with shade structures to the soccer field, installing tables, benches, and shade structures to the central courtyard, updating fencing and gates to the exterior as well. If extra funds, requesting an exterior pavilion to utilize as outdoor classroom space. - Sandy Springs Society / PTO Fund Request. Offering 3 choices: Shade structure for outside classroom space, outfit maker space in media center, additions of mats to the water filling stations for consideration for funding. - 8th grade student recently awarded the Georgia Reach Scholarship (\$10k) for university.
Discussion Item: Set Next Meeting Agenda	Discuss Vox Team Communications outreach program (Couchman); report on budget expenditures (Woodruff), board meeting update from Ms. Schuessler.

Public Comment – No one was present to request public comment.

Future Meeting Dates:

- February 17, 2021, March 17, 2021, April 21, 2021, May 19, 2021