

Sandy Springs Charter Middle School

School Governance Council: Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

7:45-8:20 AM

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Members in Attendance
Laurie Woodruff- Principal, Tashema Atkinson, Neil Hytowitz, Jeffery Lawhead, Flor Mauricio-Santos, Mary Frost, Marisa Baert, Katie Schuessler

Action Items:

Item	Approved or Denied
Action Item: Call to Order	Couchman—Motion Baert—Second
Action Item: Motion to Approve Agenda Amendment	Couchman—Motion Baert--Second
Action Item: Motion to Approve Agenda	Lawhead—Motion Flor—Second
Action Item: Approve February Meeting Minutes	Flor—Motion Atkinson--Second
Action Item: Meeting Adjournment	Couchman—Motion Hytowitz—Second

Informational Items, Discussion Items and Follow-up Actions:

Informational Item: Election Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline to declare has been extended to April 12 by School Governance. Elections will happen now.
Informational Item: Sandy Springs Team Time Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lawhead provided an overview. Council finished unpacking feedback. Students came in to help iterate. Once a month students will have time with teachers outside. Teacher involvement is important in helping to build relationships—students want more opportunities to connect. Frost described that the date of the first SSTT will be March 31. Lawhead described how the staff is generating interest/advertising the event and building excitement for students. After the first event, the council will ask students and staff for feedback to make any necessary corrections and allow room for stakeholders to be heard. The process for presenting the expectations of what SSTT will look like was explained and the PPT has been shared with teachers. The council discussed potential opportunities for this to develop into a community/parent supported event.
Informational Item: Charter Dollars/Budget Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The budget was approved. More will be discussed at the next meeting.
Informational Item: Principal Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A lot of communication with feeder schools. SS Education Force STEAM Trip—150 students went and got to experience the vendors. Our engineer students got to showcase 3D printing along with our drone club showcasing their craft. Principal Woodruff has connected with the Ison Springs Dance and Cheer Coach. She will work

	<p>with her to have the team be able to perform at a half-time show next basketball season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal Woodruff was invited to Spalding Elementary for a parent chat. • SSCMS is welcoming all 5th grade students from feeder elementary schools in March for tours. • SSCMS 8th graders are visiting North Springs High School to tour and make class selections throughout the week. • Saturday morning, March 26, SSCMS will host a Prospective Parent Meeting for community members interested in SSCMS for their children. • Mrs. Frost has been working with an organization called Los Ninos Primero to give youth in the area lessons throughout the year. • Leadership Sandy Springs is coming to SSCMS on April 23 to do some work on the school grounds. • Sandy Springs Arts Foundation will be hosting an event in August, working with SSCMS art teacher to streamline this. • City of Sandy Springs resurfaced our basketball court and added several benches. There are extra funds being used to build a pavilion.
<p>Discussion Item: Set Next Meeting Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debrief feedback from the Design Thinking Process. • Election Updates • Charter/Budget Updates

Public Comment – No one was present to request public comment

Future Meeting Dates:

- April 20
- May 11