

Sandy Springs Charter Middle School

School Governance Council: Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

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, Katherine Schuessler, Mary Frost, Marisa Baert, Melanie Couchman

Action Items:

Item	Approved or Denied
Action Item: Call to Order	Flor- Motion, Lawhead- 2 nd Approved
Action Item: Motion to Approve Agenda	Lawhead- Motion, Schuessler- 2 nd Approved
Action Item: Approve September Meeting Minutes	Schuessler- Motion, Flor- 2 nd Approved
Action Item: Meeting Adjournment	Couchman- Motion, Hytowits- 2 nd Approved

Informational Items, Discussion Items and Follow-up Actions:

Discussion Item: Design Thinking Training [Debrief] Interviews / Information to collect for November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion about councils' thoughts. Discussion of how we can apply it to work. Interviews have started and are extremely productive. The council agreed that this was going to be beneficial to the school overall- especially building relationships in the community. Discussion about interviews and the plan and process of interviewing. Teachers on the council will interview other teachers. Parents of the council will interview parents. November meeting will be when we dig deeper into interviews.
Discussion Item: Staff Survey / Allocation of Flexible Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff survey responses were shared. Discussion about what teachers think for each category of questions. Majority of surveyors want to see the allocation of funds given to PBIS Rewards and Supplies, People and Climate, and Teacher Incentives. Mrs. Woodruff described how funds will be allocated for each category. Mrs. Woodruff shared the funding one pager with the council.
Discussion Item: SPLIST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Woodruff would like everyone to exercise their right to vote in the Nov 2 election.
Discussion Item: Principal Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mask optional as of 10/27. COVID numbers have decreased. The fountains provided on each hall are being utilized. A staff member at SSMS will be on CBS for a follow-up piece on a good deed he was recognized for.
Discussion Item: Set Next Meeting Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design Thinking Interviews Voting—might happen in a different meeting/or in November meeting.

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

Future Meeting Dates:

- November 17
- December 15
- January 19
- February 16
- March 23
- April 20
- May 11