

Sandy Springs Charter Middle School

School Governance Council: Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 17, 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	Baert- Motion, Schuessler- 2 nd Approved
Action Item: Approve October Meeting Minutes	Schuessler- Motion, Atkinson- 2 nd Approved
Action Item: Approve November Special Meeting Minutes	Flor- Motion, Schuessler- 2 nd Approved
Action Item: Meeting Adjournment	Couchman- Motion, Lawhead- 2 nd Approved

Informational Items, Discussion Items and Follow-up Actions:

Informational Item: Principal's Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful drill with local municipalities. K9 dogs came through and carried out a sweep. Nothing illegal was found. Mrs. Woodruff was able to provide meaningful feedback to Dr. Hollinhead regarding the drill. SGA is collecting canned goods for the CAC to donate on Friday, the 19th. Another volunteer item is planned with SGA before Christmas Break. A partnership is in the works for next school year with the Sandy Springs Arts Foundation to collaborate with Ridgeview Middle and allow more opportunity to showcase Sandy Springs community students work. Clubs and sports are going well. Study sessions are in full swing. Teachers are working alongside students to offer support.
Discussion Item: Design Thinking- Unpacking Empathy Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We started with unpacking student interviews. Commonalities among academic success, teacher routines/discipline forms, and bullying from peers were brought up. Teacher interviews-- consistency with routines/rules, student stations/interactions, and parent support were the main commonalities. Parent interviews--sports/clubs, communication between teachers and parents, and the diversity in the building were commonalities. The council will decide on a date to create a POV and continue to unpack the interviews to come up with the next steps.

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

Future Meeting Dates:

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