



MEETING MINUTES

Cogburn Woods Governance Council
11/28/2023 3:00 pm | In-Person L. Garosi's Office

SGC Member Attendance

Lisa Garosi, Principal	X	Kerry Ward, Community Member	X
Paula Bowen, Teacher	X	Anne Zalubowski, Parent	X
Kelly Caudell, Appointed Staff	X	Adrienne Sienkowski, Parent	X
Lindsay King, Teacher	X	Jen Defore, Parent	X
Sunny Wright, Staff		Lauren Sanders, Community Member	X

Katie Kinsey, School Governance Counsel Analyst

Action Items:

Motion	By Whom	Second By	Voting Results
To approve agenda	Lindsay King	Paula Bowen	Approved
To approve October's meeting minutes	Lauren Sanders	Jen DuFore	Approved
To adjourn the meeting	Lindsay King	Lauren Sanders	Approved

Meeting was called to order at 2:59 pm by Anne Zalubowski

Discussion Item- Fall Cross Council Meetings: Jen DuFore shared that at the last cross council meeting many examples of how other schools used their Charter Funds were shared. One example she shared was Dunwoody Springs ES focused on teacher retention and created a teacher wellness room with a massage chair. We want to spend our charter funds in the most innovative way. She also shared the 2023 SGC Charter Dollar spending matrix [SGC Charter Dollar Spending Matrix October23.pdf \(fultonschools.org\)](#) with the group.

Informational Item- Principal Update: CCRPI- We scored high, and Lisa is excited to share the high score with the staff. The 3rd grade team helped in this high score because of earning a literacy leader award. The interviewing process to fill our 4th grade teacher opening has begun. Lisa is working hard to find the right fit for CWES. The new 4th grade class will decrease class size from 32 to 25. Lisa will hold a Town Hall meeting for 4th grade parents regarding the new 4th grade class on Dec. 7th. Lisa's goal is to hire and have the new 4th grade class start on Jan. 2nd.

- A. **Semester Action Plan Review** Nothing new
- B. **Budget Update** Lisa learned that the FCS Budget Department took \$17,000 that was used to hire the High Dose Small Group ParaPro from her Materials & Supplies Cost Center Budget rather than from the SGC Charter Funds account. This has decreased Lisa's budget by \$17,000 and increased the SGC charter funds. Lisa is looking into resolving this issue, but as of now we need to look into how to best use our charter funds.

C. VAF Value added flexibility use cost center money for our school Food Pantry. Lisa needed to ask Freddy to get approval. Lisa needs to follow up with approval. If she gets approval VAF will be for next year and for the following years.

D. Van Solemn Update Lisa has an email into Van Solemn rep to discuss quote and timeline.

Discussion Item- Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals: Reading Fluency Headset proposal Lisa mentioned that just a few teachers got back to her saying they want a class set of 4 headphones. Lisa plans to ask teachers at their grade level PLC meetings about any reading support materials they may want to enhance their reading/LETRS lessons. Jen DuFore brought up an issue with our students transitioning into middle school and the lack of being able to stay organized. A few ideas were brought up about possibly creating a school wide organizational system with binders and color-coded folders for different subjects.

Discussion Item- SY 23-24 Council Initiatives

Discussion Item- Draft Next Meeting Agenda

- Lisa’s Budget
- Jen & Lauren follow up on the executive functioning support.
- The other SGC members think of ways to support students with charter funds.
- Main talking point in January is how we can use our Charter Funds to benefit the entire student body.

Action Item- Meeting Adjournment

Updated Budget: We currently have \$37,330.80 left to use this year in our charter dollars. The SGC voted in Oct. to spend up to \$3000 on the educational consultant, but this has not been spent yet.

SY 23-24 Budget	\$46,390	Voted
3.0 Counselor	\$9059.20	Sept. 2023
	\$37,330.80	
Educational Consultant	\$3000	Oct. 2023
	\$34,330.80	

Meeting adjourned 4:03 pm.

Next Meeting will be on Jan. 23 @ 3:00 in CWES Learning Common

