



**School Governance Council**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

August 18, 2023, 6:00PM, Microsoft TEAMS Live

**SGC MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Young(Chair), Briana Houston(Vice-Chair), Brittaniqua Haley(Parliamentarian), Arnisha Canty (Principal), Samantha Alexander, Joshua Martinez, Yazmin Hicks, Karissa Reid-Charles, Fawn Bell-Palmer, Keesha Leopold, Nathalie Dames

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE ON THE AGENDA:** Meeting Call to Order, Adopt Agenda, Review Meeting Norms, Approve July Minutes, Council Funding Balance, SGC Initiatives, Principal Updates, Next Meeting Date, Meeting Adjournment

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:02PM by Mr. Young.

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Ms. Alexander motioned to adopt the agenda. Ms. Houston Second. Meeting agenda adopted.

**APPROVE July MINUTES:** Ms. Houston motioned to adopt the July minutes. Mrs. Reid-Charles seconds the motion.

**New Members:**

New members Ms. Haley (Teacher), Mrs. Leopold (Parent), and Mrs. Bell-Palmer (Community Partner) were welcomed and introduced.

**Standing Committees and Officers:**

Appointed and elected members were shared. We need 2 external people for our standing committee of budgeting and finance. The principal selection committee and communication and Outreach committees are fully staffed.

Mrs. Reid motion to adopt. Ms Alexander seconds.

**Meeting Schedule:**

It was determined that meeting will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00PM

**Principal Updates:**

Mrs. Canty shared photos from the welcome back breakfast as well as back to school iReady BOY testing has begun. Part of our goals are tied to iReady.

Title I status: Mrs. Canty share 250,000 in Title I fund. It has been used to fund coaches, instructional resources, parent liaison as well as parent resources.

To maintain Title I status we must be at 65%, we are currently at 62%.

Breakfast is 100% free for all students.

Morning Arrival has gotten smoother. We have begun marking students tardy, and turning parents around after our 7:35 cut off time for walking students down.

Afternoon dismissal is going smoother. We had

We have been short on bus drivers. We have 10 routes. We were 4 drivers down this afternoon. There is a bus driver shortage. We have built relationships with our bus drivers.

Elementary School Technology – elementary school students can not take devices home this year.

Enrollment updates were shared. We have the number of total students, but we have 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms that are full. Dr. Young asked what is the max number of students for a classroom. Mrs. Canty shared that FCS can waive for 3 students, but she would prefer a new class. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes are crowded. Dr. Young asked how that would affect the team-teaching model. Mrs. Canty shared that a 5<sup>th</sup> classroom would be a self-contained model.

Fulton County enrollment is down, but we are meeting our numbers in most areas. We will know on Friday any staffing changes and budgets.

GMAS Data

Mrs. Canty shared GMAS results for ELA and Math FY 22 and FY 23. She shared the percent of students at a 2,3,4 as well as 3,4. We need students in levels 3 and 4 to get whole points for CCRPI. Cliffondale was #2 in the zone for 4<sup>th</sup> grade data.

Our Science data shows that we need improvement, but in comparison to similar school, STEM certified, seeking STEM certification we are

Ms. Leopold asks, with larger classrooms, how do we meet the needs of students who are still suffering from COVID impact on learning.

Mrs. Canty shared our BIG Rocks for this year.

New math standards- We are focused on deconstructing math standards and understanding the practices.

Small group instruction, intensives, explicit instruction that allows us to meet the needs of all students.

Observation and monitoring with our instructional coaches. We pour into our coaches so that they can pour into our teachers.

Data Next Steps – remediation and enrichment plan of actions. We have to be able to meet the needs of all student.

SMART Goals –

Increase in GMAS Math ELA, Science by 10%

iReady – 65% of students performing at or above grade level.

Students should be earning 75% on all unit assessments. If the students do well on these assessments, they will be ready for GMAS

Mrs. Bell-Palmer suggested that we guide parents to engage in math with their students.

MEDI has been charged with setting up AR. To increase student reading.

Ms. Alexander asked about access to A-Z reading. Ms. Canty shared that we will still have access to Reading A-Z for all grade levels. We have purchased the license, but it has not started yet.

### **SGC Initiatives:**

Back to School Bash was successful. The food truck went over very well. We were enrolled many students at Open House.

Fall Booster is well under way. Our profit is 40%. We will use 50% of funds to support student groups. 25% will be discussed for Beta Club. Ms. Houston will share on that. 25% of profit will go to SGC. This can be used for Out-Teach, Welcome back breakfast, teacher appreciation, etc.

Fundraiser will begin September 14. Delivery will be Monday Oct. 30 in Cafeteria. This will also be the night of Trunk or Treat. Only cookie dough must be delivered to the school.

Ms. Houston share Beta Club costs related to conventions.

Charter Dollars:

We have received our charter dollars. \$46, 390

The purchase of the LU is a priority. Committee would like to pay 25% or less. The Health and PE Coordinator will provide supplement for cost. We will start low at about 8%.

STEM Initiative: A list of materials for STEM and Science Olympiad was provided by Ms. Hawthorne. A motion was made for \$425 expenditure for these materials with pending approval of list from Mrs. Canty. All present members vote to approve motion. Mrs. Canty and Dr. Young abstain from voting.

STEM Lab Makespace Cart was shared. Carts can be placed on each hall. Dr. Young shared that shopping baskets can be used to allow students to retrieve items that they need to use. The media center is another option for housing the maker space. SGC is responsible for purchasing items and STEAM team responsible for keeping the items stocked. Lego KIT is the only thing that must remain in the Media Center and must be used by reserving a time.

Concerns for media center is that students may not know exactly what they need to get from the cart and may require multiple visits to the cart. The hallways will be more convenient. Also there will be students in the media center for MEDI class most of the day. Mrs. Canty suggests that we compare the costs for each option and we will work through any logistic concerns.

Playground: We will begin doing the work towards a playground. We are looking into county standards the costs associated with a playground. Including but not limited to install, landscaping, etc.

Cooking Club sponsored by Ms. Hunter. Dr. Young propose that \$250 of SGC funds be donated to be used for the cooking club to get started. Ms. Houston motions to approve, Ms. Alexander and Mrs. Leopold seconds. All present members approve.

**NEXT MEETING:** September 20 at 6:00pm. PBL, Maker Spaces, playground will be on the agenda for next meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn meeting was brought by Ms. Alexander. Mrs. Reid-Charles seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

*Recorder: Brittaniqua Haley*