



School Governance Council
MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2023, 6:00PM, Microsoft TEAMS Live

SGC MEMBERS PRESENT: John Young (Chair), Nathalie Dames (Parliamentarian), Arnisha Canty (Principal), Samantha Alexander, Joshua Martinez, Yazmin Hicks, Briana Houston

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

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:14PM by Mr. Young.

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

APPROVE March MINUTES: Ms. Alexander motioned to adopt the February minutes. Ms. Hicks excepted.

Council Funding Balance:

Charter dollars 15,873 waiting on Greystone to determine if this amount will be spent for digital marquee. B. Option B is the Rock wall. Option C other academic items.

SGC funds: 3796.00 as of 4.25.23 out teach was take out, \$5000 for fun run t-shirts was raised from the fundraiser.

Sound system updates will be installed once school is out. Will hopefully be able to now use instead of DJ during upcoming events.

Marquee Updates: The last piece of information was submitted today. Required updated standards and this will cause a \$2000 increase and price. We could have it as soon as August.

We will need to budget in the monthly bill for the marquee. PTA may take over this monthly expense.

The Lu: We can get a portion of this expense covered. The total cost is 31,000. There is a networking expense that is not included in this cost. EC West has it and we will have an opportunity to tour and see it. It is an interactive play wall, with games that kids can play in PE. There is a social emotional learning aspect within the system as well. The PE

Coordinator is able to offset some of the cost. She is committed to \$21000 towards the cost. They do offer training.

Comments from Ms. Alexander: What comes with the initial purchase as far as software updates. Net planner will come out soon to discuss the maintenance fee, installation, and

Mr. Martinez: Concerns about the light. We will not know until the install. Wanting to make sure that it will be fully integrated into the curriculum for PE. Other instructors will be able to utilize the Lu as well.

The rock walls are not really being used so that is why we are now considering the Lu.

STEAM initiative: Title 3 funds are being used for the curriculum and the SGC funds for STEAM lab. We may see a few items coming up. We are looking at a Maker Space. We will provide all of the supplies that the scholars need. The Lego kits will be housed in the library. Software for the kits will be in the library. Other items include mannequins and other resources. We will need a detailed cataloguing system to keep track of the items.

Open Discussion: SGC Initiatives

Booster Thon reports: We raised \$39,486. The school profit was \$17,058. Monday we will have a closing meeting. Booster right now does all of the work and we have a spring date and we split 50%-50%. Parents would need to do the heavy lifting and do all of the work if we wanted a higher return. Suggestions were made to continue with Booster those due to the heavy commitment. Moving forward make sure that the booster people are prepared with working equipment. If we plan to do it ourselves then we would need to shadow. The Booster thon people bring a lot of excitement to the students so they are worth the investment.

Teacher appreciation breakfast: We need parents to help set up and facilitate brunch on May 2nd by 8:45am. We will need to purchase a few items such as juice and pastries. The link for the teacher favorites was sent out in the smores. PTA will be doing gift cards for teachers and instructional support. A detailed email will be sent with the days and times were parents will help.

Fall Fundraising discussion:

Cherry Dale is another fundraiser: We will need something in the fall to help the clubs at the school. Having a fundraiser calendar so that parents are not overwhelmed with the number of fundraisers. Have sponsors to create a preliminary budget for the next year.

Survey

Be sure to complete the council self assessment surveys and Principal Survey.

Principal Updates:

- Ga Milestone Testing starts on Wednesday. Expect a letter from Ms. Long on Friday.
- Awards day and Class celebration dates were shared.
- Students are taking their post test on I-Ready. Results will be shared at the May meeting.
- Be sure to participate in Teacher Appreciation.

NEXT MEETING: May 17 at 6:00pm. New members will be introduced. We will meet in the summer. We will begin talking about strategic plans. One item is the playground for the school.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM. Dr. Dames moved to adjourn and second by Ms. Houston.

Recorder: Nathalie Dames