School Governance Council

MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2024, 2023, 6:00PM, Microsoft TEAMS Live

SGC MEMBERS PRESENT: John Young(Chair), Natalie Dames(Vice-Chair), Brittaniqua Haley(Parliamentarian), Arnisha Canty (Principal), Samantha Alexander (Parent), Joshua Martinez(Teacher), Yazmin Hicks (Teacher), Karissa Reid-Charles(Teacher), Fawn Bell-Palmer (Community Member), Keesha Leopold (Parent),

FCS SGC Rep: Gina Foster

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WHERE ON THE AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Reid-Charles motioned to call the meeting to order. Ms. Haley seconds the motion.

ADOPT AGENDA: Ms. Knight motioned to adopt the agenda. Ms. Haley Seconds the motion. All are in agreement. The meeting agenda was adopted.

NEW MEMBERS:
New members Ms. Holden (Parent), Mrs. Knight (Teacher), and Mrs. Bell-Palmer (Community Partner) were welcomed and introduced.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS:
SGC Executive Board seats were shared and roles reviewed. Ms. Foster opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Ms. Haley nominates Mr. Young. Ms. Reid-Charles motions to approve, Ms. Holden Seconds. All were in agreement for Mr. Young as SGC Chair for the SY 24-25.

Ms. Jaleesa Holden and Natalie Dames nominated themselves for Vice Chair. Mr. Young abstains from voting. Ms. Dames was elected as Vice Chair.

Ms. Holden was nominated for parliamentarian. Ms. Reid-Charles motions to approve nomination and Ms. Bell-Palmer seconds. All members approve the nomination. Ms. Holden will serve as the Parliamentarian for the SY 24-25.

Meetings norms were established.

OUTSTANDING COMMITTEES

Budget & Finance	Outreach &Communication	Principal Selection
Haley Reid-Charles	Haley Knight Bell-Palmer Holden – Chair	Dames - Parent Haley - Teacher

Meeting Schedule:
It was determined that meeting will be held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00PM; Recommendation to modify the Oct 16, 2024 date.

Principal Updates:
Ms. Canty shares school enrollment status. We are slightly above projections. We have not currently gained or lost any positions. Kindergarten classrooms do not have room to grow. All kindergarten classes are at 22 students. We do still have a vacant 1st grade teacher.

The Hug & Go initiative is going great.

Cliftondale has a new initiative to increase fact fluency. We have purchased XtraMath as a way to support students automaticity of math facts.

Cliftondale is now a cashless school. We have a 100% free school breakfast and lunch.

FCS Medical Drills were shared.

Georgia Early Literacy Legislation was shared and explained how it effects Cliftondale.

There is a plan to request additional teacher supplements to support teachers who are providing additional duties such as school clubs.

We are in the beginning phases of developing the strategic plan. There is currently a root cause analysis taking place that be used to develop the strategic plan.

Upcoming important dates were shared.

Ms. Canty shared the final status of progress towards SY 23-24 school goal.

SGC Initiatives:
Tier 3 – Calm Down Bins
Ms. Haley explained that last year bins with sensory and fidget items were provided for each grade level. This year the goal is to provide all classrooms with an individual bins.

The team discussed what this would look like. There will be a team (Ms. Haley, Mrs. Reid-Charles, Mrs. Knight) that will assemble the items and ensure that they are distributed. My. Young recommended $1300 be allocated towards this project. Ms. Haley brought a motion to approve the $1300, Ms. Dames seconds. All team members voted unanimously to approve.

School Beautification Project
Mr. Young shares current school beautification project efforts. He recommends that $940 be allocated to this project to cover the marquee bill and mulch. Ms. Dames motions to allocate $940 towards the project. Ms. Bell-Palmer seconds. There was a unanimous vote to approve.

NEXT MEETING: September 18 at 6:00pm.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn meeting was brought by Ms. Haley. Mrs. Dames seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Recorder: Brittaniqua Haley