



MEETING MINUTES

Lake Windward Governance Council

Date | time 11/15/2024 | 7:00am | *Location* PLC Room

SGC Member Attendance

Lauren Busing, Principal	Ü	Susan Kimani, Parent	Ü
Kelly O'Connor, Appointed Staff	Ü	Sierra Gritz, Parent	Ü
Kristen McNeely, Teacher	Ü	Cassie Arnold, Parent	Ü
Christina Nickel, Teacher	Ü	Shannon Bontrager, Community Member	Ü
Jan Palermo, Appointed Staff	Ü	Tarran Craver, Community Member	Ü

Guest Attendance: Katie Kinsey

7:08am	Call to Order	Jan Palermo
7:08am	Action Item: Approve Agenda	Jan Palermo
7:08am	Action Item: Approve October Meeting Minutes	Jan Palermo
7:10am	Information Item: Superintendent Advisory Council Update	Sierra Gritz & Suzi Kimani
7:15am	Discussion Item: Strategic Planning – Review Feedback and Monitor Progress	Lauren Busing
7:20am	Information Item: Principal's Update	Lauren Busing
7:40am	Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting	All Members
7:41am	Action Item: Meeting Adjournment	Jan Palermo

Meeting Minutes

7:11- Jan – Call the meeting to order.
May I have a motion to approve today's agenda?
Nickel motions to approve agenda
Kimani seconds
Can I have a motion to approve October minutes?
McNeely approve October minutes
Craver seconds

7:13 – Information Item: Superintendent Advisory Council Update X2 (*Sierra Gritz and Suzi Kimani*)
Kimani - First meeting
WE felt that the meeting was geared towards older students regarding cyber safety.
Gritz – Dr. Looney is going to give a license for each Fulton County student. This will be a parent app that will help with safety on cell phones/technology safety Qustodi.com
Parents received an email that notified parents of student devices of anything that could be registered as self-harm. Dr. Looney's message was safety over privacy to help parents understand where the district is coming from. I felt that he did an incredible job
Questions that parents had regarding when students move in after the 10-day count

Katie- The second meeting was more about proposed allotment guidelines. Proposal of reduction of media center paraprofessionals, graduation coaches, and adding MTTS/504 chairs and extra counselors.

Busing – These are still in draft form.

7:18

Discussion Item: Strategic Planning

Our strategic plan has been approved by our zone superintendent, Dr. Crumbley. So we are now waiting on official approval. We are now moving into progress monitoring stages. We do have a document that tracks each one of our goals and metrics. When we talk about staff retention, one of the ways we are going to check in on that is staff focus groups. One requirement from the state is holding mid-year conferences. one of the questions will be surrounding teacher retention. Our wellness team is still engaging staff in wellness activities. They have started a wellness Wednesday walking group after school. We had about 20 staff members join this past Wednesday! They help with school morale and are doing a great job.

We are about to start our MOY i-Ready which will also give us good student data regarding growth.

7:28

Informational Item: Principal's Update

LWE was named both a literacy and math leader from the GaDOE. You can achieve the award for achievement and student growth. We earned it for achievement. You must win the award in 3rd and/or 5th grade to be eligible for 4th grade.

We also hosted a meet the new principal and PTO meeting for families. Thank you, Suzi, for talking about SGC during this meeting. We had about 60 parents join us.

Suzi- You did a fabulous job introducing yourself and the parents felt good getting to know you.

Linewize – This only works on Fulton County staff and student devices. This is why the district would like to support parents with another layer of protection when students go home. Overall, it has been positively received in our community. We were told to communicate that it is not an invasion of privacy, it is a layer of security. The security is looking for trends to keep students safe. There are five levels of alerts. Level five alerts are for immediate action where someone from the district is always on call. Principals and social workers are on call depending on the level of alert. When it detects an alert of a lower level, the principal, assistant principal, or guidance counselor will reach out to the family to notify the family of the repetitive searches on a device to keep everyone safe and how the school can help support the family.

On the Fulton County pages, there is a FAQ for anyone who has questions. This does not track student data or metrics, just to get in front of any potential harm or threats.

There has been a bigger presence of the Alpharetta police in schools. Our officer is here often to get to know the students. We are trying to change the perception that police is only here when something is wrong.

The last part is about our perception survey. Students, staff, and parents all take a perception survey. The parents are at 9% of parents taking it. As a parent, do you prefer getting communication in the morning evening.

Parents – not on Friday evening. I have three children at three different schools and I am not sure who I have done it for!

Katie- At principal's ad staff – someone dug into the data and the scale for being a promoter of a school, the scale is 1-10. A 9 or 10 is considered a promoter. A 7 or 8 is passive. A 6 or below is a detractor. This feedback has been given by principals to the district.

Sierra- Could you define some of the groups of people that are on the survey, such as the board, operations, district office, etc.

We have a plan in place to help teachers give students the perception survey in 3rd – 5th.

We are at an 87% staff participation rate in the perception survey.

Kimani – Is there a way to know if we filled out the survey for a certain school?

Craver- Can a parent do a survey multiple times for the same school? Yes, the survey does not have a way of limiting the number of times it is taken by the same parent/family.

7:44Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting's Agenda

Choose a date – January 10, 2025

Katie – Voting on your budget will be the biggest thing to discuss at your next meeting

Next Cross council will be in March

Next election will be in April

7:50

Action Item: Meeting Adjournment

May I have a motion to adjourn the meeting?

Nickel motions.

Craver seconds.

Next Meeting:

January 10, 2025