Stephens County High School

School Governance Team

September 16, 2026

12:00 PM

Minutes

***Members Present:**

- Jessica Simmons
- Sarah Coleman
- JJ Pritchett
- Lori Rose
- David Poffenberger
- Stephen Caudell
- Shantelle Grant

***Approval of July Minutes:**

- Motion: Sarah Coleman
- 2nd: David Poffenberger
- All members were in favor

***Student Representatives Approval:**

Mrs. Simmons received feedback from the leadership team, which made several recommendations. After consideration of the recommendations, Mrs. Simmons spoke with Emma Kate Powell & Khavion Thomas in regards to joining our SGT. Both students came to our meeting very excited to become a part of our team. They introduced themselves and the voting went as followed:

- Motion: JJ Pritchett
- 2nd : Sarah Coleman
- All members were in favor

***SGT Training Update will is: TBD**

***Celebrations & School Update:**

- August Attendance Celebration was a huge success! There were 254 students in the building who had perfect attendance. A total of 496 students had perfect attendance when you add in the Dual Enrolled, Virtual, Work Based Learning, & Advancement Academy.
- The amount of Vape Sensor incidents have drastically went down this year. The last two days the high school has had zero Vape Sensor incidents.
- Only 28 students that were absent 5 or more days. This is a 36% decrease from last year at this time.
- 71% of referrals have been positive, 15% have been colleague compliments, & 14% discipline referrals.

***Leader In Me Update:**

- Leader in me is the framework for goal setting, writing goals, & then monitoring them.
- Great example: Students a few weeks ago started writing their monthly attendance goals, they're tracking those each week in advisement, and will eventually become how students are recognized for the monthly attendance celebration.
- One of the things that is heard from businesses, industry's, & local colleges is that students have a little bit of a hard time when they transition out of high school of making that plan of how do I organize my day? How do I make sure that assignment is done? How do I remember to pay my bills? Leader In Me will help with these type things with the goal setting and learning how to keep track of things.

***Clubs Approval:**

- One of the goals last year & this year is to increase Club offerings so that each student has a place to where they feel they truly belong.
- The three Clubs that were presented for consideration are as followed:
    - Yoga Club
    - Chess Club
    - Board Game Club
- Motion: Stephen Caudell
- 2nd : Sarah Coleman
- All members were in favor

***Administration Updates:**

- Mrs. Simmons shared they won the School Spirit Stick at the Back to School Bash. That everyone has really started off with a lot of school spirit.
- Met twice now with the new staff. They do monthly support with them and just met on Monday 09/14. They have some amazing new people with such positive attitudes who are great.

***Adjourment:**

- Motion: Stephen Caudell
- 2nd : David Poffenberger
- All members were in favor