

# SOS ACADEMY CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL 102 VIRTUAL ANNUAL GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING



Thursday February 1, 2024, 6:00pm

## MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/VERIFICATION OF QUORUM** –called to order at 6:06 pm
- II. **WELCOME/PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** –  
Welcome by Principal Mills, Prayer by Mrs. Scott, Pledge of Allegiance by Dr. Price
- III. **APPROVAL OF 11-2-23 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Minutes were tabled and emailed to board members. Dr. Price will call board members for approval of the minutes.



### MOTION

Results of motion after calling/contacting board members: Minutes approved, 1<sup>st</sup> moved by Fredrick McClendon. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cedric Matthews. Motion carried for approval of 11-2-23 minutes.

- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – N/A
- V. **PUBLIC INPUT** – N/A
- VI. **Charter Requirements – subheadings that need to be approved by SOS Board**
  1. **Approval for Contract arrangements/Policy & Procedures**
    - a. **We received the new contract from the City on Barco Field.**



### MOTION

It was 1<sup>st</sup> moved by Reginald Gaffney and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Ansley to approve the contract arrangement/policy procedures. Motion carried.

4. **Approval for Out of Field Teachers for FTE Survey 3 (1-26-24 thru 2-9-24): Dr. Mills & Kaye Hill**
  - a. **Dominic McKnight – Physical Education 6-12 - out of field for Health**
  - b. **Rickey Rickerson – Social Science 5-9 – out of field for Science**
  - c. **Raymond Starkes – Business Education 6-12 – out of field for Math**
6. **Approval for Financial Activities Report: Director Mills & Mrs. Kaye Hill**
  - a. **Quarterly Financial Reports & Monthly Budget**
  - b. **2023 Q2 - Sales Surtax Reporting**



### MOTION

It was 1<sup>st</sup> moved by Reginald Gaffney and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cedric Matthews to approve the Quarterly Financial Report, monthly budget and out of field teachers. Also motioned to approve the 2023 Q2 Sales Surtax Reporting. Motion carried.

**VII. COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS - Dr. Sharolyn Price**

**A. PFEP Activities**

Dr. Price gave an update on the PFEP activities for the remainder of the year. District requires at least five meeting of the school year of which four meeting have been held. The last meeting for parents will be the Title I Developmental Meeting, 4-11-24 at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria.

**OLD BUSINESS – Director Mills**

**A. Upcoming 2024 Charter School Renewal (DCPS School Board in February) Update**

Eugene Hays sent a letter to SOS stating that the renewal will be voted on by the DCSB at the February 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting in the Cline Auditorium. The item was presented at the most recent board workshop with the recommendation to approve the renewal.

**B. COGNIA School Accreditation – Update**

**C. BTAT (Behavior Threat Assessment Team) & Active Assailant Drills & Fire Drills Monthly**  
Principals are no longer allowed to serve on BTAT. Mr. Reed (Math Coach/Dean) serves as Chair of BTAT, along with four other members, Coach McKnight, Lynn Gazzara, Officer Flores (JSO) and Coach Campbell. The team meets monthly and well as have all the required drill (fire, active assailant, and BTAT meetings). Over 80% of SOS staff are certified in Youth Mental Health training.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS: Director Mills**

**A. 2023 – 2024 SOS December Staff Flowchart**

Board members were notified that a full disclosure of relatives is submitted each month to the District.

**IX. PRINCIPAL/DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Ms. Genell Mills**

**A. 2023-2024 SIP & CNA GOALS & continuing Improvement (published) monitoring**  
SOS performance continues the historical path of earning a grade of “C”. Compared to 2022 school grade, SOS increased in proficiency components as follows: ELA 19 to 28; Math 31 to 38; and Science 29 to 46.

Compared to six like schools Achievement Performances, SOS performed as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place in Science; 2<sup>nd</sup> ELA; 34<sup>d</sup> in Math, 5<sup>th</sup> in Social Studies, 6<sup>th</sup> in Middle School Acceleration. Overall, SOS performed 3<sup>rd</sup> in total points earned and percent of total possible points achieved and 1<sup>st</sup> in percent tested.

**X. CONSULTANT’S REPORT: Dr. James Young (Turnaround Solutions Inc.) – N/A**

**XI. ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION REPORT: Scott**

**A. PM2 Report**

Mrs. Scott reported students who took the FAST PM1 Math test in October and the PM2 Math test in January, scores showed improvement; as well as an increase in the FAST PM1 ELA Reading taken 10-2-23 & 2 FAST ELA Reading taken 1-25-24.

Mrs. Scott said progress is being made; the right tools /curriculum are being used that is aligned to BEST Standards.

**XII. ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/DEAN OF STUDENTS: Reed**

**A. Attendance, Enrollment, School-wide Discipline, Transportation, Health & Welfare Reports  
137 Enrolled: 47 sixth graders, 54 seventh graders, 36 eighth graders**

**XIII. Charter Requirements – subheadings that does not need approval by the SOS Board:**

1. Approval for Contract arrangements/Policy & Procedures – N/A
2. Purchases that should appear on fixed assist list – update – N/A
3. Approval for asset disposals – N/A
4. **Professional & H.R. Services (Doesn't need Board Approval):** Hill – N/A
5. **Business /Legal Services/Report (Doesn't need Board Approval):** Hill – N/A
6. **Approval for Financial Activities Report(Doesn't need Board Approval) :** Mills & Hill – N/A
7. **Facility Report:** Update Mr. Ansley
  - a. Trailer Roof Covering (Tarps)  
Mr. Ansley said the tarp is only temporary, however he asked if Chair Shelton would send several dates to meet with the board to discuss moving forward with the new facility. He thanked the board members for their assistance thus far.
  - b. Preparing for Modular Replacement – Bill Bishop
8. **Extra-Curricular Activities/Athletics:** Reed – N/A
9. **Board Information/Activities:** Mills – N/A

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** – prayer offered by Pastor Matthew. Meeting adjourned @ 7:10 pm.

**MEETING FILE 2024:**

(Agenda, November 1, 2023, Minutes, SOS December Flowchart, New City Contract on Barco Field, SOS 2023 Fall Baseline FSAT PM2 Data summary.)

**2023– 2024 School Motto**

**“Still Raising the Standard of Excellence”**

**SOS ACADEMY IS**

Starting **Strong**  
Staying **Strong**  
Finishing **Strong**

