

SOS ACADEMY CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL 102

VIRTUAL ANNUAL GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING

Thursday February 3, 2022, 6:00pm

MINUTES



- I. **CALL TO ORDER at 6:03 pm /VERIFICATION OF QUORUM - verified**
Members present: Mark Ansley, Reginal Gaffney, Frederick McClendon, Latoya Williams-Shelton, Brenda Wims and Ex-Officio Genell Mills
- II. **WELCOME/PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Welcome by Principal Mills, prayer, and Pledge of Allegiance by Dr. Price
- III. **APPROVAL OF 11-18-21 MINUTES** – the minutes was unavailable currently. They will be sent via email and Dr. Price will call them to get their vote via telephone.

IV. **Items voted on by SOS Board of Directors**

MOTIONS:



- **Approval for professional & H.R. Services** . It was 1st moved by Reginald Gaffney and properly 2nd by Mark Ansley that SOS Academy employ substitute teachers for vacancies. Motion carried.
- **Approval of Hiring out field teacher, Mr. Rickerson for ELA** - It was 1st moved by Reginald Gaffney and properly 2nd by Mark Ansley to hire Mr. Rickerson (who is out of field) as the ELA teacher.
- **Approval of Quarterly Financial Reports** – It was 1st moved by Reginald Gaffney and properly 2nd by Brenda Wims to accept the quarterly financials. Motion carried.
- **Approval of Proposed Annual Enrollment Capacity for 2022 – 2023** – it was moved by Mark Ansley 2nd by Brenda Wims

V. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Upcoming Charter School Virtual Annual Review March 23, 2022, 9:30am – 11:30am

VI. **PUBLIC INPUT** – n/a

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

A. PFEP Information

Materials received in parent toolbox for January included: Michelle Obama’s book entitle “Becoming”-adapted for middle school readers, Take Stock in Children Scholarship application, April and May testing schedule, pamphlets, face masks, etc.

The last PFEP event is entitled “FSA Strategy Night”, Thursday 2-17-22 on Zoom.
The Title I Developmental Meeting that will be held with the PFEP group on 3-10-22.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS (School Security Updates) – Mills & Mobley

- A. Security & Mental Health Plans: Update: teachers virtual mental health training is up to date
- B. JSO School Security
- C. BTAT (Behavior Threat Assessment Team) & Active Assailant Drills & Fire Drills Monthly: All reports and meetings are up to date. The school's BTAT officer, Officer Rankins keeps the school abreast of any urgent notifications, such as: the school being notified of police officer impersonation; due to this incident JSO police officers are now required to show their ID upon arrival to campus.

IX. NEW BUSINESS – Ms. Mills

- A. Charter link System – ALL reports are updated monthly
- B. 2021-2022 New School Year Virtual/Hybrid 8th Grade Graduation Graduation for 8th graders will be held however it will be a virtual / hybrid graduation. Due to the pandemic, we cannot have the usual graduation at this time.
- C. According to SOS New Contract from 2021 – 2024 we have to develop and submit an annual enrollment capacity. The plan should take into consideration the number of available classrooms, class size, and the ability to hire teachers. Principal Mills provided the plan. Board Member Ansley agreed with the plan stating we need all hands on deck and he truly believes working together we can accomplish our goal.

X. DIRECTOR'S/PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Ms. Genell Mills

- A. C.A.R.E.S. & ESSER 1 2 & 3 Grants Updates
- B. ICP (Instructional Continuity Plan)
- C. 2021-2022 CNA & SIP GOALS & continuing Improvement
- D. Middle school Promotion Tracker
- E. Parent/Guardian Concerns – Information was sent to Board member from disgruntled parent. A meeting will be scheduled with the parent and SOS Board members to discuss the issue.

XI. CONSULTANT'S REPORT – Dr. James Young (Turnaround Solutions Inc.) – n/a

XII. ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION REPORT – Ms. Shirlene Scott

- A. Professional Development Information – Mr. Rickerson is currently enrolled in the new teachers development program and has received his statement of eligibility. Meeting with the teacher development support and specialist. The district is now responsible for training the new teachers in the professional development program.
 - Two teachers completing the AltCert Program and are doing well; some teachers are completing the ESE course and the ESOL; continuing with monthly PLC's on some Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays.

Academic Performance Update

1st Quarter: 39 honor students

8th grade: 19: A/B honor students; 3 straight A students

7th grade: 11 honor students: 2 straight A's

6th grade: 9 honor students: 1 straight A student

2nd Quarter: 26 honor students

8th grade dropped from 19 to 10 honor roll, increased by 1 straight A student

7th grade dropped from 11 to 5 honor students with 1 straight A

6th grade increased from 9 to 11; 3 students straight A

Testing

Students are in “test-taking” mode: by making sure they can work independently, building stamina, being able to sit and read long passages without distraction and go to the restroom quietly.

Mrs. Scott is implementing WIDA testing for ELL (English Language Learner). WIDA, test the English proficiency. SOS has 2 ELL students in the program that need to be tested.

Last year there was 10-12 ELL 8th grade students who graduated. Those who are still with us, have been in the program about 10 years and was exited from the program, which means they can hear English, they understand what is being said, they can speak, write, and read.

The testing calendar will be posted on the website.

B. Professional Development Update

Received fund for professional development; materials have been ordered for upcoming school year.

XIII. ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/DEAN OF STUDENTS– Ms. Stacey Mobley

A. Attendance, Enrollment, School-wide Discipline, Transportation, Health & Welfare Reports

6th (41), 7th (42) & 8th (65) = 148

Enrollment is increasing. School-wide discipline is low to average. The contract with Randall Transportation will expire at the end of this school year. The 6th graders have completed the vision screening and the hearing test will be scheduled later. Monthly drill reports are up to date and have been turned in to the District.

XIV. Charter Requirements – subheadings that need to be approved by SOS Board: 4a & b, e, and 6a & b.

1. Approval for Contract arrangements/Policy & Procedures

a. Planning Services for new facilities contract – Director Ansley Update

Mr. Ansley explained that two plans that are in progress:

- an agreement with Mega signs to replace the current sign near Wilson Blvd. This will be a digital sign for announcements, recruitments, etc.
- a tentative agreement with the architect on the overall redevelopment of SOS campus

2. Purchases that should appear on fixed assist list – n/a

3. Approval for asset disposals – n/a

4. Approval for professional & H.R. Services – Mrs. Hill

- a. Out of Field Teachers – There are no out of field teachers at this time.**

The State has approved long term subs due to teacher shortage. SOS Academy does have long-term substitute teachers and has employed substitute teachers for vacancies.

- b. Approval of Hiring out field teacher, Mr. Rickerson for ELA.

Mr. Rickerson has received his statement of eligibility from the Department of Education to become a teacher.

5. Approval of Business /Legal Services/Report – n/a

6. Approval for Financial Activities Report: Ms. Kaye Hill

- a. Monthly Financial Reports were presented by Mrs. Hill
Total expense = 780,854.12 / Total Expense = 39,693.37 / Net Income = \$39,693.37
- b. SOS Sales Tax Update (Next Reporting 2-11-22)

7. Facility Report

- a. Roof Repairs on several of the buildings – Update
- b. Other Facility Repairs - a pipe burst in the middle school and was replaced.

8. Extra-Curricular Activities/Athletics (Ms. Mobley) – n/a

9. Board Information/Activities – n/a

- XV. **MOTION TO ADJOURN** – 1st moved by Brenda Wims and 2nd by Fredrick McClendon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

XVI. MEETING FILE

2021 – 2022 School Motto

“Still Raising the Standard of Excellence”

SOS ACADEMY IS

Starting **Strong**

Staying **Strong**

Finishing **Strong**

