

October 21, 2020 Findley Oaks Elementary School SGC Meeting Minutes

Action Item: Call to Order

Amy Blackman called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Action Item: Approve Agenda

Motion Jillian Phillips and 2nd Sharon Ferguson with unanimous vote of approval

Action Item: Approve September Meeting Minutes

Motion Pam Cessna and 2nd Jillian Phillips with unanimous vote of approval

Informational Item: Principal's Update

- We have had 6 full days of f2f learning now with optional remote learning. Students are doing well following routines and procedures and keeping masks on. We are still around a 60% f2f, 40% remote ratio at Findley.
- This is National Bus Safety Week, to celebrate, we wore red Monday, students have been making cards for the bus drivers, and there's signage thanking the bus drivers.
- Next week is Red Ribbon Week. Monday is PJ Day, Tuesday is Sports Day, Wednesday is Superhero Day, Thursday is School Spirit Day, and Friday is Book Character Day. First Responders Day is October 28th in the morning outside.
- Spirit Night is October 28th at Chick-fil-a and it is drive thru only from 4pm- 8pm.
- November 3rd is Election Day and a Professional Workday for teachers and students have the day off.
- November 11th is Walk to School Day.
- November 12th is Picture Day; we are coming up with a plan for remote students.
- We filled the PSE Para opening with Findley Balance, but we have not filled our .5 ESOL Para.

Discussion Item: Parent Community Meeting Update

- Meetings are mostly framed around the grading policies, the parent bill of rights, and COVID.
- Dr. Looney gave an update about COVID: links to find information about which schools have cases of COVID and closing matrix and explanation of closing matrix was shared.
- Dr. Looney also shared where he finds the epidemiology reports that he uses to inform his decisions.

<https://www.fultonschools.org/coronavirus>

<https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/21337>

https://www.fultonschools.org/cms/lib/GA50000114/Centricity/Domain/5457/SchoolClosingMatrix_20200909.pdf

<https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>

<https://www.fultonschools.org/Page/21838>

- Board members are completing a survey about how grading is done in Fulton County and how grading is communicated to parents
- A draft and survey about the parent's bill of rights was shared but isn't being shared with the public quite yet. They do hope to have to completed by the end of this semester.

Discussion Item: Review Goal Setting from September Meeting

A- 2 Main Areas Decided: People and Culture, Community Collaboration

B- Ideas from Group on Achievement: We will come back to this.

Discussion Item: Spending our Charter Funds

- We have \$30,000 this year to spend.
- In the past, the money has been used on a position, but since we didn't even know if we would get the funds, we did not fill the "tree house" position this year.
- They would prefer we not spend this money on a position because the amount does fluctuate from year to year anyway.
- We have been spending a lot of cost center money on COVID related items already this year. Money has also been spent to help teachers that are teaching simultaneously. It'd be really nice to focus spending this money on our pillars.
- We also had a safety grant and we added locks to our classroom doors this summer allowing teachers to lock doors from the inside. Unfortunately, we did not have enough grant money to finish locks on all the classrooms. We also wanted to add fencing to a section of the playground that backs up to the playground.
- Let teachers come present ideas of how to spend the money- we will have a Budget Committee Meeting about the process in the next month.

Discussion Item: Set Next Meeting Agenda

- Committee Meetings

Action Item: Meeting Adjournment at 4:08 pm

Motion Jillian Phillips and 2nd Anthony Jones with unanimous vote of approval

Attendance:

Camille Christopher (Principal) | Sharon Ferguson (Teacher) | Jillian Phillips (Parent) | Anthony Jones (Parent) | Pam Cessna (Teacher) | Clair Graff (Community Member) | Sarah Campen (Teacher) | Amy Novoselsky (Teacher) | Erin King (Gov. Facilitator) | Alex Almanza (Community Member)