

September 22, 2021 Findley Oaks Elementary School SGC Meeting Minutes

Action Item: Call to Order

Abdullah Daoud called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm.

Action Item: Approve Agenda

Motion Greg Baker and 2nd Stephanie Donaldson with unanimous vote of approval

Action Item: Approve August Meeting Minutes

Motion Anthony Jones and 2nd Abdullah Daoud with unanimous vote of approval

Informational Item: Principal's Update

- We have a new para starting tomorrow in our Georgia Pre-K class, Sammie Wu.
- There is a new instructional para opening for someone to work one-on-one with a specific student. The Special Education paras have been working out schedules for coverage of this position. Camille has submitted a name for that vacancy.
- TAG started the year with 1.4 teachers, we have 2 teachers, Lori Katz and Caroline Hennesey. Caroline is an itinerant and is needed more time at her home school, so there will be a new TAG teacher as well being added as well.
- We had the first Late Start Day and about 20% of students reported at the normal time. We opened a back carpool for the late start carpool along with the front carpool lane. The purpose of Late Start is to provide opportunities for professional learning. We had to determine how to engage in professional learning since we have hundreds of students and we're living in COVID times. Normally, we would have an assembly for all the students so teachers could all participate, but this wasn't possible. Instead, teachers are doing small group teacher meetings. Our next Late Start is October 25th.
- We have a long weekend coming up on Columbus Day and the Tuesday after is a Teacher Workday
- We have the MAP assessment starting new this year. We used to give the IOWA in the Fall. This is a norm reference test and it's for 2nd and 4th grades. This is for language arts and math. Some results from this could be used for TAG placement. This is happening beginning October 4th and goes for 2 weeks. Norm reference means students are compared with other students taking MAP at the same age and grade.
- We are doing "No Soda September" this month encouraging wellness for students and staff. Next month is our fruit and veggie challenge and this challenge will last 1 week.
- Epidemiology Report: Numbers went down in Johns Creek and at Findley Oaks

Discussion Item: Review Training Opportunities

- No questions about what trainings we attend

Discussion Item: Charter Dollars Protocol

- We are focusing on our “3 big rocks” this year. Part of this is high dosage, small group tutoring. We have a Literacy Coach and Tutoring Para. This is for 3 years. Part of the FOCUS plan to figure out which students are below level. We are thinking about what to do with funds for students who are really struggling. The Tutoring Para is starting to go into classrooms next week and will work with students. The Tutoring Para does have teacher training. We have \$13,000 in funds (different schools get different amounts based on “at risk” students) and Charter Funds to support students.
- We are looking at extended learning after school for students (done by teachers).
- The district also has approved vendors for tutors and there was a virtual fair to learn about all the different tutoring establishments. One was chosen by admin. This group can really personalize student needs and they’ve been working with Fulton County already. This tutoring would be done virtually after school.
- We can also look at having an instructional para after school to help with tutoring.
- The CST is working on plans based on student data.
- We are looking at spending some Charter Funding as well as the \$13,000. All of the \$13,000 will go to these plans. To hire the extra tutor, we may need around \$19,000.
- Camille will not wait until the next SGC meeting, she will do another virtually to tell us the exact amount of money needed for these issues.

Discussion Item: Review SGC Website

- Reviewing our website and making sure everything is in order
- Go to school on Findley’s website, then choose School Governance Council

Discussion Item: Meeting with Superintendent

- Talked about finalizing the Mitigation Matrix
- The new grading system was also spoken about (for next year). The grading system seems like it could be more merit based. This should be easier to understand from the parents’ perspective.
- Getting a lot of input from parents

Discussion Item: Set Next Meeting Agenda

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 20th
- Greg Baker’s report from Superintendent Parent Advisory Meeting
- Review monitoring tool

- Vote on Charter Funds

Action Item: Meeting Adjournment at 4:06 pm

Motion Greg Baker and 2nd Sarah Campen with unanimous vote of approval

Attendance:

Camille Christopher (Principal) | Sharon Ferguson (Teacher) | Greg Baker (Parent) | Pam Cessna (Teacher) | Stephanie Donaldson (Community Member) | Sarah Campen (Teacher) | Anthony Jones (Parent) | Abdullah Daoud (Parent)