



MINUTES

Spalding Drive Elementary School Governance Council

Date | time 8/24/2021 | 7:20am | *Location* Virtual
 SGC Website: <https://www.fultonschools.org/domain/3340>

SGC Members

Jennifer Rosenthal, Principal | Kimberly Parkman, Elected Parent | Nicole Waller, Elected Parent | Julie Alterman Stifel, Elected Parent | Melany Jsames, Elected Teacher | Serra Ahlgray, Elected Teacher | Chris Calnin, Community Representative | Candace Johnson, Community Representative | Tanner Cohen, Appointed School-Based Employee | Crystal Walton-Wyche, Appointed School-Based Employee

Time	Item	Owner
7:20am	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Kim called the meeting to order at 7:23am via Zoom. In attendance were Jennifer Rosenthal, Kim Parkman, Tanner Cohen, Julie Alterman Stifel, Candace Johnson, Crystal Walton-Wyche, Melany Jsames, Serra Ahlgray, & Nicole Waller.</p>	Kim Parkman
7:21am	<p>Action Item: Approve Agenda</p> <p>Melany made a motion to approve the agenda & Tanner seconded it. Agenda approved.</p>	Kim Parkman
7:23am	<p>Action Item: Approve July 2021 Meeting Minutes</p> <p>Melany made a motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting & Tanner seconded it. Minutes approved.</p>	Kim Parkman
7:24am	<p>Informational Item: Review Committee Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Serra Ahlgray, chair ○ Chris Calnin ○ Jennifer Rosenthal ○ Nicole Waller ○ Crystal Walton-Wyche • Outreach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Melany Jsames, chair ○ Tanner Cohen ○ Kim Parkman ○ Julie Alterman Stifel • Principal Selection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Melany Jsames ○ Kim Parkman ○ Julie Alterman Stifel • Paws Peers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Candance Johnson ○ Kim Parkman ○ Nicole Waller • Gentlemen of Distinction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Serra Ahlgray ○ Melany Jsames ○ Tanner Cohen 	Kim Parkman

7:26am

Informational Item: Principal Update

Jennifer Rosenthal

- The first two weeks of school went well.
- Seat Count was on Friday; Spalding is only 29 students off of the projection. As a result, we will have no staffing or class changes.
- Back to School Movie Night was in the parking lot on Friday. Weather was great, good turnout, lots of fun.
- First "Stripes" parent university session is next month; need ideas for topics

7:36am

Strategic Plan Pillar #1: Student Achievement

Jennifer Rosenthal

Discussion Item: Update on testing, areas of opportunity (Jennifer Rosenthal)

- School is 95% complete with iReady diagnostic assessments
 - Scores are lower than usual, especially in kindergarten & first grades
 - Many of the younger kids have never been in formal in-person school
- Some students have already been identified for tutoring with Ms. Ford; more will be identified in the coming weeks
- "Learning Acceleration" as a focus
 - Instead of going back to fill in all gaps now, teachers will fill in those gaps as they come to them in the curriculum
- Will have more data to share at the next meeting
- Devices are a challenge
 - Students, including fifth graders moving to middle school, kept their school-issued devices
 - This leaves a lack of devices for younger students who did not previously have school-issued machines
 - County is aware and trying to remedy the situation
 - As a stop-gap, the mini-iPads that go with the jigabots are being used
- Question about what parent involvement inside the school building will look like this year.
 - Currently parents are allowed in the building for necessary volunteering
 - Trying to limit extra people in order to cut down on covid risks
 - Meetings online instead of in person is one way we're doing that
 - Will communicate a general idea of this to parents (always subject to change given ongoing pandemic)

7:45am

Strategic Plan Pillar #2: People and Culture

Melany JAMES & Kim

Informational Item: Update on Communications Committee meeting

Parkman

- No update

7:50am

Strategic Plan Pillar #3: Community Collaboration

Kim Parkman & Nicole

Informational Item: Provide updates on Paws Peers and Gentlemen of Distinction programs

Waller

- Paws Peers (Kim Parkman)
 - Been working with Ken Stevenson to get the program up and running
 - Participants received an email survey for feedback
 - Most was positive
 - New parents really appreciated having someone to ask questions other than teachers/administrators
 - Liked having a friendly face before school started, especially for families new to the area who don't know anyone
 - Areas for growth
 - Families would have liked to have been able to get together in person, but Covid concerns made that difficult (hopefully this will change for next year)
 - Need to start the recruitment process earlier
 - Upon new families' registration
 - For existing families, start in April so that there's more time over the summer to connect
 - At kindergarten/pre-k round-up events
 - In newsletter and on facebook/twitter
 - On marquee
 - Try to pair families together who have students in the same grade; not essential, but nice to make that effort

- Set clear expectations for mentor families
 - Contact new families ASAP
 - Offer a get-together (covid dependent)
 - Follow-up after the first week of school (text or email is fine)
 - Invite new family to meet you at back to school movie night
- Not just limited to the start of the school year; we will pair families up as they arrive throughout the year
- Perhaps create a library of short “Spalding How To” videos
 - Carpool line
 - Find your bus
 - Uniforms
 - Etc.
- PTO is updating the Parent University to include Paws Peers info
- Gentlemen of Distinction (Nicole Waller & Jennifer Rosenthal)
 - Connects men in community to boys who would benefit from having a mentor
 - Ken Stevenson determines kids
 - Need to recruit mentors
 - Currently have five volunteers
 - Taryn Fleetwood is working to get NSHS students
 - Can probably use as many as we can get
 - Commitment is one 30 minute lunch per month with the student. Can do more, if needed/desired
 - Will update the flyer that LaLona Richards created
 - Goal to be able to start pairing adults/kids by next meeting

8:00am

Strategic Plan Pillar #4: Fiscal Responsibility
 Informational Item: Charter Funds Amount, Directives

Jennifer Rosenthal

- All schools are receiving \$44,400 in charter funds this school year
 - Not limited on what funds can be spent on
 - Big focus at county level on “high dosage small groups” to address pandemic-related learning issues
 - Possibilities as of now:
 - Equity Training
 - Possibly seven 45 minute sessions during faculty meetings, etc.
 - ~ \$3600
 - Would need to be done this fall (before intense literacy training begins in January)
 - Will vote on this at next meeting after Jennifer gets more information
 - Renewal of online programs such as Reading A to Z and Flocabulary
 - Please research ideas & post them in the Teams Chat. Will discuss at next meeting

8:10am

Discussion Item: Set next meeting agenda

Jennifer Rosenthal

- Kim will email agenda before next meeting. Let her know if you have items to add.

8:15am

Action Item: Meeting Adjournment

Jennifer Rosenthal

- Move to adjourn by Melany Jsames; seconded by Serra Ahlgray. Meeting adjourned at 8:14am.

Meeting Norms

Be on time, prepared, and engaged | Everyone contributes | Focus on solutions, not problems | Consider all students in all decisions