



MINUTES

Spalding Drive Elementary School Governance Council

Date | time 9/28/2021 | 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	Call to Order Kim called the meeting to order at 7:23am via Teams. The entire council was in attendance.	Kim Parkman
7:21am	Action Item: Approve Agenda Melany made a motion to approve the agenda & Tanner seconded it. Agenda approved unanimously.	Kim Parkman
7:23am	Action Item: Approve August, 2021 Meeting Minutes Melany made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting & Tanner seconded it. Minutes approved unanimously.	Kim Parkman
7:24am	Informational Item: Parent Advisory Council Meeting Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ School opening updates – mixed feedback from various schools○ Grading update – working on district grading guidelines/policies to make grading uniform across district; got parent feedback; will go into effect next school year○ Includes non-academic goals	Candace Johnson

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ESPLOST – coming up in November’s Election

- SPLOST is a 1% (or “penny”) sales tax that funds various school system needs
 - Spreads cost across all who purchase items in Fulton County, not just property owners
 - Alternative to SPLOST is raising property taxes and/or taking out big loans
 - Funds will be split between FCS and APS, with FCS receiving more
 - Projected revenue: \$1.2 billion for FCS
- Three main areas that will be targeted with funds
 - Facilities (53%)
 - 18 schools; 2 non-instructional facilities
 - 3 schools scheduled to be replaced; 2 to be renovated or reconfigured
 - North Springs High School scheduled to be replaced
 - Improvements include things like HVAC, Roofing, fire alarm/intercom systems, site improvements
 - Spalding slated to receive new roof, new camera system, LED lighting, & a media center renovation
 - Technology (25%)
 - Hardware: devices for students, staff, buildings, wireless access points
 - Infrastructure: networking and connectivity such as data management, network hardware, device support
 - Information & Instruction Tools: Software & Apps such as school websites, content management, various management software programs
 - Safety, Security, Transportation, & Furniture/Equipment (6%)
 - AEDs, access control, IP cameras, FCS Police equipment
 - Continued replacement of diesel busses w/propane powered models that include student seat belts, replacement/maintenance of other fleet vehicles
 - Furniture & Equipment replacement for schools & for curriculum needs
- Remaining funds allocated to reserves/operating expenses (15%) & long-term obligations (1%)

7:36am

Strategic Plan Pillar #1: Student Achievement

Jennifer Rosenthal

Discussion Item: Update on testing, areas of opportunity

- iReady data shows lower achievement than in the past
 - Parents of students who tested at low grade level or below received a survey regarding eligibility for high dosage instruction and/or extended learning
 - Spalding’s Plans for High Dosage Instruction and Extended Learning have to be approved by the school system because they utilize federal funds
 - Ms. Jeffcoat is going to be putting together bags w/books for students to take home. PTO will help get those bags assembled.
- Devices
 - MAP testing next week for 2nd and 4th grade
 - Devices being sent to school for that; school hopes to keep them
 - Still using jigabot iPads to supplement where we don’t have enough devices
 - Planning to set computer lab back up

Goal: Progress update on school-wide initiatives

7:45am

Strategic Plan Pillar #2: People and Culture

Melany Jsames & Kim

Informational Item: Update on Communications Committee meeting

Parkman

- Communications Committee met and came up with lots of ideas
 - Senior Citizen reading buddies for K-1 classes
 - NSHS students pair with 5th graders for writing skills development
 - working to figure out logistics
 - Book distribution at apartment complexes

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- Community service project for kids to do at school
 - determining which project to do and when

Goal: Be ready to implement at least one of these ideas

7:50am

Strategic Plan Pillar #3: Community Collaboration

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

Kim Parkman & Nicole Waller

- Paws Peers: No update
- Gentlemen of Distinction
 - Need to meet with Ken Stevenson

8:00am

Strategic Plan Pillar #4: Fiscal Responsibility

Informational Item: Charter Funds Amount, Directives

Jennifer Rosenthal

- Equity Training is something teachers are interested in, but this year they won't have the bandwidth to give it the appropriate attention due to county mandated Letters Training, which is like a graduate level class.
- RAZ Kids/Reading A-Z/Vocabulary A-Z
 - membership expiring soon
 - Don't think many teachers use Vocab A-Z; most use Flocabulary
- Kim moves to renew Raz Kids + Reading A-Z; Melany seconds. Approved unanimously.
- Not limited on what funds can be spent on, but they do need to align with our goals
 - Possibilities:
 - Generation Genius Science Program
 - Serra to investigate pricing, etc.
 - Magazine subscription(s): The Week Junior, Time for Kids, and/or Bravery
 - Julie to investigate pricing, etc.

Goal: Discuss pricing and interest in Generation Genius & magazines plus how they relate to our stated goals

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 Candace; seconded by Melany. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:23am.

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