



# MINUTES

## Spalding Drive Elementary School Governance Council

*Date / time* 10/26/2021 | 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 7:27am via Teams. In attendance were Jennifer Rosenthal, Kim Parkman, Nicole Waller, Julie Alterman Stifel, Melany Jsames, Serra Ahlgray, Candace Johnson, & Tanner Cohen	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 September, 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"> <li>o Grading Policy still being worked out</li> <li>o Clicks &amp; Bricks ESPLOST explanation</li> <li>o COVID update</li> </ul>	Julie Alterman Stifel

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7:26am	Informational Item: Principal Update	Jennifer Rosenthal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not too much has changed in the last month</li> <li>• Masks may become optional as of next Monday; numbers are trending down and are very close to meeting the &lt;100/100k threshold criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meeting with all other Sandy Springs principals today to discuss how to ease back into regular operations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Busy week this week: Bus Driver Appreciation, Book Fair, Red Ribbon Week, Fall Festival</li> <li>• First STRIPES was last week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Think about how to do things differently; parent participation was very low – is there a better use of time and a way to raise engagement on the parent</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Spalding is a polling place on Election Day – will be housed in the gym</li> </ul>	
7:36am	Strategic Plan Pillar #1: Student Achievement Discussion Item: Update on testing, areas of opportunity	Jennifer Rosenthal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the middle of Unit 2 assessments; haven't done any since last meeting</li> <li>• Math Initiative: focus on fact fluency for students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Started last week</li> <li>○ Kids earn ice cream scoops working towards fluency and an ice cream party</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reading initiative will come later in the year; probably second semester</li> </ul> <p>Goal: Progress update on school-wide initiatives</p>	
7:45am	Strategic Plan Pillar #2: People and Culture Informational Item: Update on Communications Committee meeting	Melany Jsames & Candace Johnson
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working out kinks with reading buddies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Looking to get things off the ground next month</li> <li>○ Have a cute flyer</li> <li>○ Have people interested</li> </ul> </li> <li>• North Springs Writing Buddies – nobody has replied to emails; will try ELA chair next <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Asst Principal Mark Sheridan's son is in kindergarten; could reach out to him, too</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Goal: Be ready to implement at least one of these ideas</p>	
7:50am	Strategic Plan Pillar #3: Community Collaboration Informational Item: Provide updates on Paws Peers and Gentlemen of Distinction programs	Serrah Ahlgray, Tanner Cohen, Melany Jsames
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paws Peers: No update</li> <li>• Gentlemen of Distinction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need more mentors</li> <li>○ People who have buddies from last year are still meeting with their mentors</li> <li>○ Possibly reach out to companies to see if they have a pool of people who would be interested in volunteering; Melany to reach out to her contact at Mercedes Benz</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
8:00am	Strategic Plan Pillar #4: Fiscal Responsibility Informational Item: Charter Funds Amount, Directives.	Jennifer Rosenthal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RAZ Kids/Reading A-Z/Vocabulary A-Z is renewed and working</li> <li>• Need to get ideas from stakeholders for how to spend the rest of the funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Possibility of Padlet for teachers to add ideas</li> <li>○ Ask grade levels to discuss and send ideas to SGC; Jennifer to give overview to Leadership Team</li> <li>○ Include article and link for feedback in next week's Tiger Connection</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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Goal: Get input from stakeholders

8:10am

Discussion Item: Set next meeting agenda

Jennifer Rosenthal

- Structure of future meetings
  - whole committee meets every other month; committees meet every other month
- 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; seconded by Tanner. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:13am.

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