



AGENDA

River Eves Elementary School Governance Council

Date | time 10/22/2021 | 7:15 am

SGC Members

Matthew Donahoe, Principal | Deonte Moore, Teacher | Kristina Tull, Teacher (Parliamentarian) | Anna Tavormina, Appointed Staff | Alex Shenkar, Appointed Community Member | Jose Cherian, Parent (Chair) | Laurie Bolden, Parent (Vice Chair) | Chris Fragale, Parent | Sara Parker, Appointed Community Member | Sophie Li, Appointed Staff

Time	Item	Owner
7:15 am	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Absent members: Anna Tavormina (maternity leave), Laurie Bolden</p> <p>Motion to approve: Deonte Moore</p> <p>Second: Sara Parker</p>	Chair
7:16 am	<p>Action Item: Approve Agenda</p> <p>Motion to approve: Deonte Moore</p> <p>Second: Sophie Li</p>	Chair
7:17 am	<p>Action Item: Approve September Meeting Minutes</p> <p>Motion to approve: Deonte Moore</p> <p>Second: Chris Fragale</p>	Chair
7:18 am	<p>Discussion Item: STEM Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued discussion of STEM checklist • Discussion of what happens at the start of unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students are given a proposal template example to understand the process ○ Students are given a blank template, put into collaborative groups to create a proposal with their group based on the current science standard and real-world problem ○ Students work on proposal in STEM journal to prepare to submit to teacher 	Tull
7:30 am	<p>Discussion Item: Family Engagement Committee Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last listening circle was successful (13 total in attendance) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feedback: good communication between school and parents, felt loss of connection with each other due to the pandemic, positive comments on administrative leadership • Next circle will be November 19th- parents will be leading the discussion and facilitation 	Moore

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Team is creating a training PPT for the parents that will be facilitating to aid them in preparation • Committee is working on the next topic and will decide at their upcoming October meeting • Goal is to build relationships and community with parents and the school community 	
7:45 am	Opt-in Waiver Community Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last year, the council voted to convert two positions into money for the school, money was used to pay for STEM Lab teacher and a RTI/SST coordinator position • Looking to do the same this year • No feedback was given from community on this topic 	Principal
7:50 am	Opt-in Waiver Vote (Itinerant Conversation) Motion to approve: Deonte Moore Second: Chris Fragale	Principal
7:55 am	Next Step: Complete “Notification of Adoption” Form (Donahoe)	Principal
8:00 am	Action Item: Public Comments No public comments	Principal
8:10 am	Informational Item: Principal’s Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huge turnout and success for Fall Festival, felt very community based <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council feedback – was well attended, consider lengthening the event by an hour 	Principal
8:14 am	Reminder: November Meeting Date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting date: Friday, November 19 	Chair
8:15 am	Meeting Adjournment Motion to approve: Deonte Moore Second: Sophie Li	Chair

Meeting Norms

Silence Phones | Come Prepared | Be Respectful of Others’ Opinions | Work for the Good of All Students |

Notes and Reminders

We at the Governance and Flexibility team hope that this sample agenda is helpful and provides some general guidance for your first meeting of the coming school year. Below are some tips and additional details about the agenda items listed on the first page of this document. We hope you have a restful summer and are looking forward to working with everyone in the fall.

* **Setting the date, time and location of your meetings:** It's a great idea to set your meeting schedule for the entire fall semester (if not the entire year) at your first meeting. Get this information posted at your school and on your SGC website at least 7 days prior to your meeting and you will have covered many requirements of the Open Records and Meetings Laws.

* **Action Items:** Don't forget that all action items require a motion, a second and a vote (even seemingly simple things like the agenda and meeting minutes need to be voted on).

* **Running the first meeting:** Note that in the sample attached the principal ran the meeting until officers were elected and a chair could take over. This is a great practice as there will not technically be a standing chair at the beginning of the first meeting of the year. (Note: if the previous chair is still sitting on the council, they are welcome to run the beginning of year meeting until a new chair is elected)

* **Establishing/Reviewing meeting norms:** It's a great idea to discuss and create norms that your SGC feels will work well for them. Include these at the beginning or end of your agenda and take the time to review them throughout the year to ensure that your meetings run smoothly and productively. Keep in mind your Council Self-Assessment survey feedback when considering your norms for the new year.

* **Staffing your committees:** Remember that all SGC members should be a part of at least one committee. The Budget and Finance Committee and the Communications and Outreach Committee require a Chair (any voting SGC member), the principal, three voting SGC members and can have up to three additional SGC or external members. Also, every school needs a Principal Selection Committee regardless of whether or not they believe that their principal position might become vacant. This committee is comprised of the SGC Chair and three additional voting SGC members.

** **Governance Training for New Members:** All members are required to attend the governance training once.