

SOS ACADEMY CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL 102

VIRTUAL Quarterly GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 6:00 pm



Attendees: Linda Lewis, Mark Ansley, Fredrick McClendon and Genell Mills

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER/VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Chair Linda Lewis. Quorum verified

II. WELCOME/PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Linda Lewis welcomed everyone, prayer by Pastor Matthews, everyone recited pledge.

III. APPROVAL OF 2-4-21 MINUTES



MOTION

It was 1st move by Mark Ansley, 2nd by Fredrick McClendon to approve February 4th minutes. Motion carried.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. 2021 Virtual Graduation, Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 10:00 am

V. PUBLIC INPUT – N/A

VI. COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS - Dr. Sharolyn Price

A. PFEP Information

All documents have been submitted to District and Title I Parent Involvement is 100% in compliance.

VII. OLD BUSINESS (School Security Updates) – Mills & Mobley

A. Security & Mental Health Plans: Update: SOS opted into Duval County Public Schools Mental Health Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

B. BTAT (Behavior Threat Assessment Team) & Active Assailant & Fire Drills Monthly:

All reports are up to date. SOS has been assigned a new JSO officer to be the JSO liaison for the school's security program; the former officer, James Anderson received a promotion. The BTAT met with the two new officers. Partnership with Right Path is current. Two students had to be referred to Right Path per request of the parents.

C. SOS 2021 Contract Renewal Information –

The contract renewal for SOS was approved for three years, beginning July 1, 2021, ending June 30, 2024. Once the contract is signed, each board member will receive a copy.

Mr. Ansley suggested setting up a board workshop to discuss how SOS Board members could be more engaging with the school and to bring in more resources and partnerships. Suggestive meeting dates will be sent out for board approval to discuss pertinent issues.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS – Ms. Mills

A. Charter School Spring Site Visit 5/11/21

SOS was in full compliance with the exception in the area of ESE / EOL. Principal Mills is currently working with the staff to rectify this situation.

B. First initial sales Tax Funding received in March for January 2021. School received over \$7,000 from the sales tax funding.

IX. DIRECTOR'S/PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Ms. Genell Mills

A. C.A.R.E.S. Grant – federal government is allocating more money to schools for COVID relief. A check is expected to be received from the C.A.R.E.S. Grant.

X. CONSULTANT'S REPORT – Dr. James Young (Turnaround Solutions Inc.)

Dr. Young have not been visiting schools however he stays in contact with SOS as a virtual consultant.

XI. ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION REPORT – Ms. Shirlene Scott

A. On-Line Curriculum Implemented - Still continuing with the same curriculum no change.

B. Achieve 3000 and I-Ready Math End-of-Year: Update

Students have completed third level-set (Achieve 3000), and diagnostic (I-Ready)

• Overall 6th grade:

Improvements in Reading with in a 20% increase from approaching to meets.

Math stayed with the same with an 10% move from tier 2 to tier 1.

• Overall 7th grade:

Significant increase in both reading and math. Reading – 30% increase; Math- 20% increase

• Overall 8th grade:

Reading- 10% increase ; Math- slight decrease by 5%

Testing

- Testing goal- 95% or higher
- ELA Writing- tested 100% of our student population
 - FSA reading has been completed with the exception of make-ups.
 - FSA math and NGSSS Science is being tested this week.
 - Algebra 1 and Civics EOC will be tested next week.

C. Professional Development Information - Closing out in June 2021.

D. 2020-21 SIP GOALS & Continuing Improvement

SOS is on target with the SIP (School Improvement Plan) goals. The continuous improvement goal is to get students reading on their grade level.

SOS was selected as a Tax Watch School. Two schools in Duval County were chosen to receive the FL TaxWatch Award: Violet Stoval, Ft. Caroline Elementary and Genell Mills, SOS Academy Middle. Principal Mills will be traveling to Orlando in June to receive this award.

Florida Tax Watch partnered with FL Prepaid College Foundation and Sun Trust Bank to offer a deserving student a free 2-year college scholarship selected by the principal. Que'ni Crawford, 8th grade Valedictorian from SOS Academy was selected to receive this scholarship.

XII. ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/DEAN OF STUDENTS– Ms. Stacey Mobley

A. School-wide Discipline, Transportation, Health & Welfare Reports

No discipline issues to report. Two students were referred to Right Path due to parents seeking help for their child.

**B. 35 sixth graders; 52 seventh graders and 51 eighth graders = Current Total of 135
Our Target is 180 to 200**

Principal Mills said student count decreased from 138 to 135 due to students transferring to other schools at the end of the year.

XIII. Charter Requirements – subheadings that to be approved by SOS Board: 2a, 4a-c, 5a&b, 6a&b and 9a&b.

1. Approval for Contract arrangements/Policy & Procedures – n/a
2. Approval for Purchases that should appear on fixed assist list
 - a. 200 Chrome Books with C.A.R.E.S & CSP Grant Funding - Update
Correction: a total of 300 Chrome books was received instead of 200. The technology team will work during the summer to upload software. Each teacher will receive a chrome book, a charging cart and a set of chrome books for each classroom.



MOTION

It was 1st moved by Mark Ansley and 2nd by Fredrick McClendon to approve purchase of fixed assets. Motion carried.

3. Approval for asset disposals – n/a
4. Approval for professional & H.R. Services – n/a
5. Approval of Business /Legal Services/Report – n/a
6. Approval for Financial Activities Report: Principal Genell Mills in the absence of Kaye Hill
 - a. Monthly Financial Reports
SOS currently have a positive fund balance. Board members received a copy of the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements as of March 31, 2021.



MOTION

It was 1st moved by Mark Ansley and 2nd by Fredrick McClendon to approve the monthly financial report. Motion carried.

b. Audit Engagement Letter

Board members received a copy of the audit engagement letter for Vidal CPA, LLC. The cost of the audit is \$13,500. Audit is due to the Duval County Public School District September 30, 2021.



MOTION

It was 1st moved by Mark Ansley and 2nd by Fredrick McClendon to approve the audit engagement letter from Vidal CPA, LLC. Motion carried.

7. Facility Report - Roof Repairs were completed on several buildings

8. Extra-Curricular Activities/Athletics (Ms. Mobley) – n/a

9. Board Information/Activities

a. Approval of Revised Board Meeting from May 6, 2021 to May 11, 2021



MOTION

It was 1st moved by Mark Ansley and 2nd by Fredrick McClendon to approve the change of board meeting from May 6th to May 11th. Motion carried.

XIV. MOTION TO ADJOURN - 1st moved by Mark Ansley, 2nd by Fredrick McClendon to adjourn meeting @ 7:10 pm. Closing prayer by Mark Ansley.

ATTCHMENTS: Agenda 5-11-21 & Minutes -2-4-21; Results of Spring 2021 Spring Visit; Audit Engagement Letter, Financial documents quarter ending 3-3121- Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss by Class

2020 – 2021 School Motto

“Still Raising the Standard of Excellence”

SOS ACADEMY IS



Starting **Strong**
Staying **Strong**
Finishing **Strong**

