



SOS Academy Charter Middle School Governance Board Meeting



Thursday, December 5, 2019, 6:00 pm

Members present: Stephen Wise – Chair, Linda Lewis, Brenda Wims , LaToya Williams Shelton, and Genell Mills, Ex-Officio

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER/VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

Meeting called to or by Stephen Wise. Quorum present.

II. WELCOME/PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Principal Mills led prayer and all recited Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF 9-5-2019 MINUTES



MOTION

It was 1st moved by Stephen Wise and 2nd by Brenda Wims to approve 9-5-19 minutes. Motion carried.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS - N/A

V. PUBLIC INPUT

Visitors: Reginald Gaffney and Mark Ansley

VI. COMMENTS FROM PARENT ORGANIZATIONS – Dr. Sharolyn Price

A. Up-coming Activities (PFEP)

- Thursday, January 16, 2020 – 8th Grade Transition to High School parent workshop.

Mr. Ansley, Councilman. Gaffney and Mr. Wise provided turkeys and canned good items for the staff. SOS Academy provided 6 families with a turkey and ham along with other non-perishable items for the Thanksgiving holiday season.

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

A. Security & Mental Health Plans Update (District Plan) – Discussed.

All staff members are required to attend the Youth Mental Health First Aid Training. Mr. Gaffney offered mental health assistance through the Community Rehab Center.

- B. BTAT (Behavior Threat Assessment Team)**
- C. Active Assailant Drills & Fire Drills Monthly**
- D. Security Improvement Funds through City**
- E. District school facility proposals**

Discussed. BTAT in place. All drills are up to date and competed on a monthly basis. On and offsite safe places discussed and safety plan sent to District. Mr. Gaffney and Mr. Ansley agreed to assist with security improvement funds with the city. No info from District on school facility proposal.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS – Ms. Mills

- A. Charter School 2019 Fall visit Results – partial compliance in several areas, everything has been corrected. District will return in the spring.
- B. State Best & Brightest Plan
SOS does qualify for Method 1 in the State’s Best & Brightest Teacher/Principal Award. SOS Academy has shown 3% point increase in school grade in the last 3 years. Not certain when funds will be disbursed.
- C. Revised 2019 – 2020 Annual Calendar – Board members received calendar.

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

2019-2020 Academic Goals – updates

Board members received revised school calendar, with weather days.

7th grade math and 8th grade ELA did outstanding job on prior year student assessment

- X. 2019-2020 End of year focus calendar – Board member received calendar.

XI. CONSULTANT’S REPORT – Dr. James Young (Turnaround Solutions Inc.) – N/A

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

- A. Mid-Term (6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Teams) Instructional & Curriculum Reports
 - Students are taking mid-term until mid-January. Data will be collected from midterms to determine what each class need.
 - 1st quarter honor roll students- 28, students received certificates, dress down and wings & pizza luncheon
 - tutoring/enrichment – Tutoring & Student Enrichment are held on full day Wednesday’s – twice per month.
 - Professional Development – content & grade level meeting are held weekly
 - Testing – we are making preparation for upcoming testing requirements.

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

- A. School-wide Discipline, Transportation, Health & Welfare Reports
August to present infractions report giving by Ms. Mobley /behavior is down. We now have 2 buses to transport students. Conducted vision screening on 12/5/19; hearing & BMI screenings will be scheduled after winter break.
- B. **53 sixth graders; 61 seventh graders and 56 eighth graders = Current Enrollment Total of 170**
Our target enrollment for 2019/2020 is 180 to 200

XIV. Charter Requirements – subheadings that to be approved by SOS Board: 4, 6 & 9

- 1. Approval for Contract arrangements/Policy & Procedures – N/A
- 2. Approval for Purchases that should appear on fixed assist list – N/A
- 3. Approval for asset disposals - N/A

4. Approval for professional & H.R. Services
 - a. SOS Best and Brightest Teacher and Principal Program Plan



MOTION

It was 1st moved by Stephen Wise and 2nd by Brenda Wims to approve SOS Best & Brightest Teacher and Principal Program Plan. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Business /Legal Services/Report – N/A

6. Approval for Financial Activities Report: Ms. Kaye Hill

- a. June 2019 Financial Audit - Discussed
- b. Monthly Financial Reports - Discussed



MOTION

It was 1st moved by Brenda Wims and 2nd by Linda Lewis to approve June 2019 Financial Audit and the Monthly Financial Reports. Motion carried.

7. Facility Report - N/A

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

- a. Basketball Season (Boys only) Coach Harmon
 - SOS won their first game tonight 19/9.

9. Board Information/Activities

- a. Addition of Mr. Mark Ansley (waiting on fingerprint information from District)
- b. Replacing Board Chair (Marva Salary) with Stephen Wise & Co-Chair (Bobby Orange) with Linda Lewis

MOTION



It was 1st moved by LaToya Williams and 2nd by Brenda Wims to replace Marva Salary, Chair to Stephen Wise as Chair and replace Bobby Orange, Co-Chair to Linda Lewis as Co-Chair. Motion Carried.

XV. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

2019 – 2020 School Motto

“Still Raising the Standard of Excellence”



SOS ACADEMY IS

Starting **Strong**

Staying **Strong**

Finishing **Strong**

