

Sandy Creek High School School Council Minutes Wednesday, Sept 7, 2016

The Sandy Creek High School Council met in regular session on Wednesday, Sept 7, 2016 at 7:30 a.m., in the principals conference room.

School Council Members Present:

Mr. Robert Hunter
Ms. Donna Schwitz
Mr. Eric Dial
Dr. Yolanda Wade-Smith

Ms. Suzette Weinhardt
Ms. Jan Apo
Ms. Vivian Dunn
Mr. Doug Mickey

School Council Members Absent:

Ms. Dianne Maney

Call to Order

Chairman Dial, called the meeting to order at 0730 am.

Approval of Agenda:

Moved, seconded, and carried, the school council approved the agenda as amended to add approval of the minutes to the agenda.

MOTION: Ms. Weinhardt **SECOND:** Dr. Wade-Smith **VOTE:** Unanimous 8:0

Approval of Minutes:

Moved, seconded, and carried, the school council approved the minutes with no amendments.

MOTION: Ms. Weinhardt **SECOND:** Dr. Wade-Smith **VOTE:** Unanimous 8:0

Approval of New Council Member:

Moved, seconded, and carried, the school council approved Ms. Dunn to replace Ms. Sanford as the guidance counselor representative to the council.

MOTION: Ms. Weinhardt **SECOND:** Dr. Wade-Smith **VOTE:** Unanimous: 8:0

Recognition of Visitors: None Attended

Report of the Principal—Mr. Hunter:

School Improvement:

- SCHS underwent significant renovations this summer and we are ~95% complete.
- Unfortunately due to the significant number of contractors the school sustained damages to the bathroom facilities and theft of school property. Mr. Hunter is addressing the issues.
- This Friday the newly renovated football field opens.
- The new teachers are settling in and Mr. Hunter has received many positive comments on their performance.
- We are going to start controlling access to SCHS and panic buttons wired directly to emergency responders were installed during the summer renovations.

Alumni Program:

- A Facebook page has been created to help gain members to the association.
- They are raising money for scholarships.
- They will participate in this Friday's opening of our new football field.

Community Updates—Mr. Eric Dial:

- Founders Day will be the first weekend in Oct.
- New housing developments in Peachtree City will likely force a redistricting decision.
- The city is close to getting the sewer upgrades needed to foster more economic development.
- The community has positively received the new Tyrone Town signs.

PTSO – Donna Schwitz:

- PTSO held their first meeting in August and begin the year with \$4,300.
- They have ~30 events planned for this school year.
- They will award 2 \$500 scholarships this year.
- The staff and faculty dues went up from \$5 to \$10 this year.

Guidance Department – Vivian Dunn:

- 125 students transferred in and 100 transferred out. The student body is ~1200 this year.
- We have a new counselor Ms. Hale who is responsible for the 9th graders.
- We are doing a two year continuity loop with our counselors split between 9th/10th grade and 11th/12th grade.

Teacher Representative – Suzette Weinhardt:

- The students and faculty professionally executed emergency evacuation plans during a fire on the first day of school.
- The newly installed call boxes are working well.
- PBIS (positive behavior intervention system) data found that 11 students are responsible for 23% of disciplinary actions. We are targeting this group in an effort to reduce our disciplinary actions.
- 30 Sept is SCHS homecoming.
- 27 Sept the powder puff football game will be played.
- We are trying to lock in a visit with Gold Medal winner Chris Taylor.

Business Representative—Doug Mickey:

- Mr. Mickey is always willing to donate his resources for awards as required by the school.

Old Business:

- The SCHS facilities' were improved over the summer break.
- The principals are reviewing concerns about academic honesty and the exam exemption policy for Fayette County.
- We had no further discussion on the STEM vs. STEAM programs. The school did add a full time orchestra teacher this year.
- Mr. Hunter will take on the responsibility of getting a SCHS alumni member to be part of the council.

New Business:

- Mr. Mackey raised the issue of developing a strategic communication plan to help citizens understand the value of education at SCHS.
- Ms. Apo attending training on school councils this summer and will share the resources with the members.
- We need to review the council members to see who needs to be re-elected or released of their duty to serve on the council.
- Ms. Apo will take on the responsibility of getting the meeting minutes posted for public review.

School Council Meeting Dates, 2016-2017

- September 7, 2016
- November 30, 2016
- January 18, 2017
- April 19, 2017

Open Forum: No comments.

Agenda for Next Meeting—Add a review of which members need to be re-elected.

Comments from the Public (limit 2 minutes): (None)

Meeting adjourned: At 0820 by Chairman Dial.