

Governance Council Meeting (10 – 1)

Feb. 5, 2016

Presenter: Crystal Clarke

Attendees: Ms. Early, Mr. Jones, Mr. Webb, Mr. Jackson, Mrs. Miller, Ms. Harper, Mr. Evans

Topic: Governance Training

I. Welcome and overview

- II. Fulton County Schools: A Charter System What is a charter school: reviewed and discussed power point

III. Shared Governance: Council Composition & Regulations

- Discussed School Governance standards
- SGC Responsibilities (Powers and Responsibilities)
- Council Members Obligations: Reviewed each point
 - ✓ Focus on improving voting privileges.
- SGC composition
- SGC officers:
 - ✓ Elections Chair: Mr. Jackson (running communication)
 - ✓ Budget Chair: Mr. Webb
- Resignations, Removals, & Vancancies:
 - ✓ Resignation is effective immediately
 - ✓ Removal requires 6 out of 9 votes.
- SGC Certification Process
- SGC Certification Annual Renewal
- Annual Council Assessment:

IV. Strategic Direction & Leadership: The work of the councils

- School Strategic plan
- Requests for flexibility: (Univeral and Earned)
Question from Early: What is the timeline for applying for a waiver?
Answer from Clark: Starts as early as Sept. A waiver is needed for a larger class size. You don't need a waiver for smaller class sizes. You just need to have funds to budget.
- Budget: School Funding Sources
 - ✓ Student Activity Fund cannot be used to purchase positions.
 - ✓ Question: How can we get a Spanish teacher:
Answer: Look into grants that could pay for a Spanish teacher. (or look at your budget)
Experience: if you are dual language program, grants are available.
Resources: World Languages Academy
 - ✓ Budget Basics: February 16th, budgets go live (available for principals to see)
 - ✓ Seed Fund Mission: Open to be viewed on Feb. 12, 2016

V. Governing Effectively, Ethically, & Legally: The Rules

- Meetings opened properly
- Prevent conflicts of interest:
- Written public comments are best
- Use methods of effective interventions
- Roberts Rule of Order to begin and end meetings
- Gifts cannot be accepted unless provided for the entire staff.
- Confidentiality of individual's information
- Council-Media Relation: Any media request should be directed to the principal
- Code of ethics conduct: key points
- Legal definition of a meeting: must follow rules/laws otherwise it is not a legal meeting
- Rule for open meetings: Must be open to the public

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Agenda for next meeting:

I. Topic Ms. Early's budget Dates:

Budget received on the 16th

Budget Training on Feb. 19th

Present to committee before Feb. 26th deadline.

SGC Meeting dates:

February 22nd from 4:00 – 5:30: Budget committee meeting

February 25 from 3:00 – 4:30: School Governance Meeting.

II. Elections for committees

- Budget
- Outreach and communications