



**Seaborn Lee Elementary School
School Governance Council
Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2018**

(This meeting does not allot time for public comment)

5:09 Call to Order

- Attendees: Geathers, Obienu, Knight, Dockery, Grimes, Harris, Lewis, Smallwood (5:11) and Brown (5:19)
- Smallwood read the previous minutes. Add Dockery to the minutes. Dockery came in late so the minutes need to be amended. Knight motioned to approve minutes with the addition to amending Dockery in attendance. Lewis second and all favored.

5:17 New Members Assignments

- **Parent Member:** Geathers introduced Grimes. Grimes added that he was here to observe and Geathers gave a quick synopsis of the title and informed Grimes that we wanted a balanced counsel and parental input is needed. Smallwood elaborated on what parents bring to the counsel and how important it is for parents to participate so the counsel can have input from the parents' perspectives. Geathers asked for Grimes to observe and decide if at the end of the meeting if he would like to be a part of the counsel.
- **Community Member Bob Brown/Waste Management:** Smallwood spoke with Bob Brown and Brown was in a meeting today and Smallwood gave a synopsis of what the counsel will need from him through an email. Smallwood will follow up with him and give the counsel an update on his position. Geathers suggested that we extend an invitation to Brown for the next meeting. Smallwood agreed.

5:22 Outreach and Communications Committee

- Harris sent out an email to the parents to get volunteers for the budget and the outreach committees and Ms. Obienu stepped up and decided to join the outreach committee. Sutton is the Chair of the Outreach committee. Harris sent Obienu a link for the training in November. Obienu went on the county website and did the volunteer form. Outreach Committee: Smallwood, Sutton, Dockery, Lewis, Knight, Obienu). Budget (Brown, Geathers, Dixon and possibly Ferguson?) Lewis motion to Obienu to be added to the outreach committee, seconded by Brown)

5:25 Strategic Plan Review

- **People and Culture** Geathers introduced the Strategic Plan and the four pillars to new members. Smallwood elaborated on the importance of rewarding the teachers and how SLES will start giving teachers their own PBIS 45 after school

- **Fiscal Responsibility:** Geathers said that we just had our last audit and we are waiting on our report.

5:38 Flexible Funding

- **Harris:** We have a carry over. Geathers said that we have like \$40,000. We needed to go ahead and order the Chromebook and we are short by 40 and it is impacting our upper grades. We put in an order for it already. \$20,000 for the Chromebook plus the cart. We have gained in enrollment and we needed to add 40 Chromebook. K-1 has iPads and 2-5 has the Chromebook.
- **Lewis:** Some of the teachers did mention field trips and wondered if it can be used for that and Geathers response that it can be if it is aligned to the Strategic Plan. Lewis asked about bookcases etc. Geathers suggested that we should spend money on making sure that we are reaching our academic growth point like using software which will have a direct impact for the students' learning.

5:57 Community Partnership Assessment

- Geathers said that we had a survey that Foster sent, but we will go back and take a look and follow up.

5:57 New Business

- Geathers said that Literacy Night is this Thursday from 5-6 and we are encouraging parents and students to attend. Kick-off is with *One Book. One School*. Every student in the school will be given this higher leveled book so that parents will read with or to their children. The big reveal will be on October 15, 2018.

6:08 Finalize Meeting Schedule for SY 2018-2019

- Still on for November 13th meeting. No December meeting. January 15, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
- Grimes suggested that we fill the parent position with someone from another community like Hickory Park for the diversity because there is a level of understanding that we do not know about. Hickory Park parents can add to the counsel.

6:15 Agenda for November Meeting

- Follow up with Mr. Bob Brown and extend an invitation to attend the next meeting.
- Flex Funding, we will wrap it up and the Budget and Finance Committee would have met by then
- Strategic Plan and we can address student achievement and community collaboration.
- Invite Ms. DeSilva to come to the November meeting.

6:17 Adjournment