

School Governance Team
Thursday, January 26, 2017
7:15 am
Minutes

Members present: Tammy Hughes (Chair), Kayla Duckworth (Vice-chair), Gina Donahue (Secretary), Laura Scott, Steven Tanner, Steve Rouse, Jill Nielsen, Trish Cook

Welcome T. Hughes
Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:18 am.

Approval of agenda T. Hughes
Chairman Hughes called for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Motion was made by Steve Rouse and seconded by Jill Nielsen. Motion passed.

Review/Approval of minutes from November 17, 2016 meeting T. Hughes
Chairman Hughes called for a motion to approve the minutes for 11-17-16 meeting. Motion was made by Steve Rouse and seconded by Steven Tanner. Motion passed.

Field Trips updates P. Cook/S. Tanner
Steven Tanner shared information from parents that had contacted him with questions and concerns about the changes to UCES fieldtrips this school year. One item that was specifically mentioned was 3rd grade's Tellus Museum trip. Mrs. Cook shared that cost was a major factor in some of the changes implemented by the UC BOE. After reviewing bus options, it was decided that the museum could be managed on school bus but by the time this was worked out, there were no dates remaining at Tellus. An alternate trip to the Tennessee Aquarium has been investigated for 3rd grade. 5th grade is considering an Atlanta Zoo trip. One item of interest was taking the students to Hard Rock Café for lunch as part of this trip. Mrs. Hughes shared that "Pop Culture" is in the 5th grade curriculum and The Hard Rock Café is an interactive event for our students in a pop culture setting (not just lunch). School Governance Team members shared desire to help our students think globally. Concerns about students/families being able to pay or not pay for field trips were discussed. Members asked what percentage of students could not afford the trips. Mrs. Hughes reported that in 5th grade it averages about 2 students per class or 18 students.

School calendar for 2017-2018 P. Cook
Copies of the calendar were provided to all members.

Testing Calendar for Spring 2016 P. Cook
Copies of the calendar were provided to all members.

School Safety updates/Concerns P. Cook
Parking lot - Mrs. Cook discussed a concern about how dark the UCES parking lot is. She has been discussing this concern and options with UC maintenance personnel.

Traffic Patterns - Mrs. Cook shared her concerns about the traffic lanes in the breezeway/bus lanes area of the UCES campus. Some safety options that have been investigated include: painting the breezeway crosswalk, adding “ripples” to the bus lanes area around the breezeway/crosswalk, purchasing one or two portable stop signs with flashers attached to increase attention of drivers traveling thru the bus lanes/breezeway/crosswalk area during the school day. Member Steve Rouse suggested exploring a cantilevered gate arm that would have to be manually opened/closed each time a vehicle went thru. Other suggestions included electrical or solar powered keypad gates. Mrs. Cook shared that this had been tried once before but that lightening had struck the operating box soon after it was installed and it was never replaced.

Members Jill Nielsen and Laura Scott voiced safety concerns about the crosswalk between UCES and UCMS. In the morning, it is dark and drivers are not always aware that students may be walking between the two schools in the morning. Afternoons are not as concerning since it is later in the day and there is more daylight. Could a flashing light be added here as well?

There being no further business, Chairman Hughes called for a motion to adjourn at 7:52 am. A motion was made by Steve Rouse and seconded by Jill Nielsen. Motion passed.