

Governance Meeting: 10 /2016

The Stephens County High School Governance Committee called a meeting on October 5, 2016. Attending the meeting were: Nicci Batson, Sondra Fernandez, Scott Morgan, Rob Stowe, Cathy Thornton, Natalie Holland, Scott Kersch, and Brent Stovall.

The agenda was approved by all.

Mrs. Simmons from the English department attended to talk about Membean vocabulary software. She explained that SCHS has been using the software on a trial basis and wanted to continue using it due to the fact of being so successful. Membean uses video to help a student learn the word. The software identifies the word and uses attention enhancement to help the student remember the word. It also has assessments that will give the teacher information on how the student is doing. Mrs. Simmons explained that right now we are using the computers that are available but she expressed that she would like to expand computer access so every English class will be able to use the software. She believes that in order to do that SCHS would need to purchase three computer carts which will be 3,000 each. There was a motion to discuss purchasing these computers at a later date but the committee voted to continue using the software. The fee for the software will total \$4,900 a year.

Next on the agenda Mr. Shawler explained to the committee how well the USA test prep works for our students. USA test prep is an online pre and post diagnostic testing for GA. It also is a great tool for prep for EOCs and for improving test scores. It also helps teachers identify where students need help the most.

Mr. Kersh updated the committee that recently the CTAE building had been pressure washed, new banners had been put in place around the school, athletics were going well, and discipline was improving.

Mrs. Holland informed the committee that the CTAE building had gotten a good review from the state. She said that the inspectors were impressed with our CTAE programs and really the only thing that they recommended was updating our facility. She also discussed how to incorporate home schooled students and MOWR students into our grading system. There was a grading system (see attached) proposed and the committee approved it 5 to 1 for this year only.

The final item on the agenda was discussion regarding the proposed school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. The committee expressed concerns that no fall break was on the calendar so we proposed adding fall break on October 4th and 5th. Then it was proposed to move the end date to May 23rd for students and teachers would go until May 31st. These changes were approved by all.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.