



Sumter STEAM Charter: A School of Inquiry, Innovation, & Impact
Planning Committee Meeting ~ March 9, 2020 ~ 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Mission: Sumter STEAM Charter works to provide all students with equal access to a world-class PK-12 education in an academically rigorous & student-centered learning environment, creating graduates who will be thoughtful and engaged citizens prepared to take on the leadership challenges of the 21st century.

Vision: In partnership with our families and the community, our vision is to provide real-world interdisciplinary, personalized, and project-based learning experiences through a STEAM-based academic program where graduates become the next generation of leaders, employers, and employees who contribute to the economic well-being of their communities and families.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order (5 minutes)
 - a. Establishment of a Quorum
 - b. Invocation
 - c. Opening Remarks from Chairman
 - d. Approval of Minutes from February 7, 2020
 - e. Approval of Agenda for Today's Meeting
2. Receive Updates & Committee Communication from Chief of Staff (5 minutes)
 - a. Bank Account, Corporate Seal, Committee Polo Shirts
 - b. Public Charities Exemption Registration & IRS Non-Profit 1023 Application
 - c. Community Outreach: Website Launch, Social Media, & Continued Awareness Sessions
 - d. Revised Conflict of Interest Policy (Return Signed Disclosure Forms Today)
 - e. Tour of Legacy Charter for Planning Committee
3. Receive Update on Facilities Progress (2 minutes)
4. Preparing for the Capacity Interview
 - a. Sub-Teams & Breakout Sessions
 - i. Education: Trevor, Kimberly, Rodney, Bronwyn, Cammy, Dexter
 - ii. Finance: Trevor, David, Rodney, Greg, Kimberly
 - iii. Business/Operations/Governance: Trevor, Greg, Bronwyn, Ben, Cammy
 - iv. Community Relations: Trevor, Marion, Steve, and Ben
 - v. Facilities: Greg, Trevor, Rodney
5. Schedule Next Prep Sessions (Capacity Interview & State Board Presentation)
6. Adjournment

Upcoming Events

- a. Optional Interview Prep: March 11; 5:30 pm (Economic Development Building)
- b. Capacity Interview w/ District: March 12; 1-2:30 pm (Meet in foyer at 12:30 pm/wear shirt)*
- c. Board Presentation Prep: March 16; 11:30 am -12:30 pm
- d. Presentation to State Board: March 19, 2020; Groups present in 30 minute intervals at 9 am *
- e. State Board Public Hearing: April 17; 9 am*

*3710 Landmark Drive, Suite 201; Columbia (Forest Acres Neighborhood)



Sumter STEAM Charter Planning Committee - Minutes from March 9, 2020 Meeting

The planning committee assembled on March 9, 2020 at 11:30 am in the 3rd floor conference room of Thompson Headquarters located at 100 N. Main Street (Sumter). Attending members included Greg Thompson, David Loadholt, Dexter Davis, Dr. Trevor Ivey, Rev. Dr. Marion Newton, Kimberly Rauschenbach, Steve Creech, Bronwyn McElveen, Ben Griffith, and Cammy Chandler. Dr. Thompson was absent.

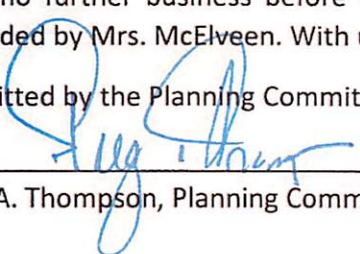
Mr. Thompson began by sharing remarks of appreciation for each member of the committee and for the level of engagement & due diligence shown through the work teams in preparing outside of the monthly meetings for the next steps in the authorization process. An invocation was then offered by Rev. Dr. Newton.

The following actions were taken:

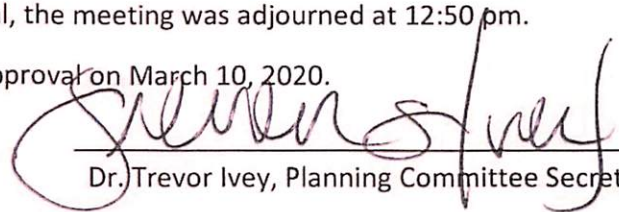
1. Approval of the February 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes & Agenda for Today's Meeting
 - a. A motion was made by Mr. Creech to accept the minutes as presented in the meeting packet & seconded by Ms. Chandler. In a 10-0 vote, the meeting minutes were approved.
2. Approval of the Agenda for the March 9, 2020 Meeting
 - a. A motion was made by Mr. Creech to adopt the agenda as presented in the meeting packet & seconded by Rev. Dr. Marion Newton. In a 10-0 vote, the meeting agenda approved.
3. Received Updates from Chief of Staff
 - a. Dr. Ivey provided updates to the committee on a variety of items: past & upcoming scheduled outreach events, the submission of the 501c3 federal tax exemption application, receipt of the official corporate seal, new social media & website metrics, the receipt of public charities registration from SC Secretary of State's Office, and the launch of SSC's first e-newsletter. Two accounts have been successfully established with Synovus – general operations & donations. Dr. Ivey also shared the date for the deep-dive research visit at Legacy Charter in Greenville – April 8 – and encouraged as many of the committee members to attend if they can.
4. Conflict of Interest Policy
 - a. The annual disclosure for the revised Conflict of Interest policy was signed by each member.
5. Facilities Discussion
 - a. A general discussion of facilities progress was facilitated by Mr. Thompson.
6. Work Team Breakout Sessions
 - a. Planning committee members divided into their sub-expertise area teams (education, finance, business/operations/governance, and community relations) to further discuss topics related to the charter application followed by the sharing out of any updates & concerns.

With no further business before the committee, a motion was made by Mr. Creech for adjournment & seconded by Mrs. McElveen. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Submitted by the Planning Committee Secretary for approval on March 10, 2020.



Greg A. Thompson, Planning Committee Chair



Dr. Trevor Ivey, Planning Committee Secretary