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SUMTER STEAM CHARTER (SSC) HIRING THE NEXT MEMBER OF ITS LEADERSHIP TEAM, REQUESTS THE PUBLIC’S FEEDBACK IN THE RENAMING OF ITS CHARTER SCHOOL NAME, AND ANNOUNCES ITS AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING

The current two-member leadership team of Sumter STEAM Charter will soon expand to three with the position of Director of Advocacy & Engagement being added. Reporting to the Founding ED, this mission-driven & results-oriented individual will design & lead the school’s advocacy & engagement initiatives. This individual will be SSC’s ambassador in the Sumter community and will serve as the primary community and family engagement lead, cultivating relationships with key partners in and outside of Sumter to include community-based non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, the military community, business leaders, workforce development leaders, elected officials, and other community leaders. Other areas of responsibility include motivating families to join SSC, managing scholar enrollment, as well as school-wide marketing & communications. Interested individuals can visit the website (www.sumtersteamcharter.org) to view the full job description and to apply for this position. Applications will continue to be accepted through the month of August with the interview and selection process beginning in early September. The position is slated for a tentative start date in October.

Separately, the Founding Board of Directors is asking for members of the public to provide feedback regarding the potential renaming of the charter school to reflect the rich legacy of excellence and pride of the former Liberty Street Elementary via a survey found on its website or its social media platforms. The survey will close Friday at 12 pm when school leaders will analyze feedback and prepare for the August 10th meeting of the board, where this will be listed as an action item. Should the board decide to approve a name change, it will have to also have to receive approval from its authorizer, the SC Public Charter School District.

According to Chairman Greg A. Thompson, he says that “these additional exciting developments affirm this board’s collective and unyielding commitment to taking no shortcuts as we create an additional high-quality public education for our community.” The board will host its next monthly meeting of the 2020-21 school year at 11:30 am on August 10 at the Sumter Economic Development Building located at 10 East Liberty Street. Representatives from SSC’s authorizer to include newly appointed Superintendent Chris Neely and Chief of Staff Taylor Fulcher will be in attendance to bring greetings from the SC Public Charter School District. Dr. Khalil Graham will participate in his first board meeting as SSC’s Founding Executive Director since being hired in late June. Covid-19 screening will take place at the door for all participants. Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis and, due to social distancing being enforced, is limited to 10 members of the public. As a regular scheduled monthly meeting, public participation will be included on the agenda and those interested in participating must sign-up during the 30-minute time window preceding the “call to order.”

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