



# AGENDA

Fulton County Schools

Date | time 2/16/2022 | 5:30pm | Location Virtual  
 SGC Website: <https://www.fultonschools.org/sgc>

Public may attend the meeting by joining this link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3aUfm5xq2VxZABoIlhSRgZXmDRiikCIgdpOo06FRClIb81%40thread.tacv2/1643737920532?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%220cdcb198-8169-4b70-ba9f-da7e3ba700c2%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%227dd885aa-3878-4850-8340-442835372bbf%22%7d>

## SGC Members

Ms. Nikki Porter, Principal | Dr. Shana Weldon, Community Member (Chair) | Dr. Grace Love, Parent (Vice-Chair) | Ms. Pagia George, Teacher (Parliamentarian) | Mr. Patrick O'Connell, Teacher | Ms. Lynnaya Rhodes, School Employee | Ms. Vicki Henderson, School Employee | Ms. Sonya Tate-Smith, Parent (Superintendent Advisory Council Parent) | Mr. Kevin Grimes, Community Member, Ms. Aisha Mitchell, Parent

Time	Item	Owner
5:30pm	Call to Order	Weldon
5:32pm	Action Item: Approve Agenda	Weldon
5:33pm	Action Item: Approve January Meeting Minutes	Weldon
5:35pm	Discussion Item: Principal Update	Porter
5:45pm	Discussion: SGC Meeting Exercise: Ensuring Competitive Elections (See Page 2)	Weldon
6:00pm	Discussion/Action Item Charter Dollars Expenditures	All
6:10pm	Action Item: Annual Budget Proposal	Porter
6:20 pm	Discussion Item: Set Next Agenda	All
6:30 pm	Action Item: Meeting Adjournment	All

## Meeting Norms

Turn on camera when speaking | Work for the good of all students | Be patient and open-minded | Create an atmosphere of fairness and respect

## Notes from the Governance and Flexibility Team

\* **Important Dates:** The window for Candidate Declaration will be February 2<sup>nd</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The voting window will be March 23<sup>rd</sup> – March 30<sup>th</sup>.

\*\* All elementary schools must complete the annual budget approval process prior to February 25<sup>th</sup>. Middle and high school budgets must be approved by March 4<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup> respectively. Councils must complete the [Annual Budget Approval form](#) by the aforementioned dates.

\*\*\* All schools received \$44,500 at the beginning of the school year to support strategic goals & initiatives. These funds must be voted-on and approved by a majority of council members before they can be used for any purchases. All council-approved expenditures should be reported to district leadership through the [Charter Dollar Expenditure Form](#). The entirety of these funds should be spent by schools prior to Spring Break.

\*\*\*\* Below are the recommended council and committee meeting dates related to the Budget Approval process and SGC Elections.

**Budget & Finance Committee Meeting (1 – 2 weeks prior to Council Meeting)** - Purpose: Detailed discussion between members and principal regarding cost center allocation decisions; Plan for presenting budget decisions to council for approval and sharing decisions with stakeholders

**Council Meeting (1 – 2 weeks prior to Budget Closure)** - Purpose: Annual Budget Proposal by principal and committee members culminating in a vote by the council to finalize and approve allocation decisions for the coming school year

**Outreach & Communication Committee Meeting (January)** – Purpose: Plan for securing parent/teacher candidates to ensure competitive elections

**Outreach & Communication Committee Meeting (February)** – Purpose: Plan for sharing candidate information with constituents and promoting voting

## February 2022 SGC Meeting Exercise: Ensuring Competitive Elections



<b>Focus:</b>	Ensuring Competitive Elections
<b>Purpose:</b>	Preparation for Spring SGC Elections for Parents and Teachers.
<b>Time:</b>	20 – 30 Minutes
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Outreach & Communications Chair (or Designee)
<b>Exercise:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Take some time to discuss the challenges and successes your council experienced with SGC elections last spring. How many candidates declared at your school last year? What was the voting turn-out at your school last year? What strategies did the council engage-in to promote elections? (5 – 7 minutes)</li> <li>2. Review the council rosters sent out by the Governance Team in January to ensure they are accurate and that the team understands who will be rolling-off the council this year. Remember that if a council has two parents rolling-off, they'll need at least three parents to participate in elections to ensure a competitive voting process. (5 – 10 minutes)</li> <li>3. Ask the council to brainstorm strategies to garner parent and teacher candidates for this year's elections. Reference the <a href="#">SY2022 SGC Elections Guide</a> for detailed information about elections and resources provided by the Governance &amp; Flexibility Team. What are some ways in which the council could inform the community about the role of SGC and encourage participation? (5 – 7 minutes)</li> <li>4. Create an action plan to drive candidate declarations and voting at your school. Task the members of your Outreach &amp; Communications Committee with carrying out some of the strategies discussed in your today's meeting. Consider working with your school's leadership team or other organizations (PTA, PTO, etc.) to encourage participation in elections. (5 – 10 minutes)</li> </ol>
<b>Next Steps:</b>	Create an action plan to drive candidate declarations and voting at your school. Task the members of your Outreach & Communications Committee with carrying out some of the strategies discussed in your today's meeting. Consider working with your school's leadership

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