

February Agenda (moved because of budget)

School: Esther Jackson Elementary School

Date: 3/6/2025

Time: 3:45 PM

Location: Esther Jackson Conference Room

SGC Members:

Ms. Nikol Boyd, Principal | Ms. Jill Vitagliano, Staff | Ms. Lisa MacMillan, Teacher | Mrs. Katelyn Bivins, Teacher | Ms. Avery Sather, Teacher | Kyle Finley, Parent | Lisette Hoschek, Parent | | Nohemi Rojas-Sanchez, Parent | Zach Vaughan, Community Member | Kenny Bittick, Community Member |

3:45PM Call to Order (*Jill Vitagliano*)

3:47PM Action Item: Approve Agenda (*Jill Vitagliano*)

3:50PM Action Item: Approve January Minutes (*Jill Vitagliano*)

3:52PM Discussion Item: 2025 Budget presentation (Ms. Boyd)

4:10PM Action Item: Annual Budget Approval (*Jill Vitagliano*)

4:15PM Information Item: Principal's Update (*Ms. Boyd*)

4:35PM Discussion Item: Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals (*All Members*)

5:05PM Action Item: Approve Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals (*Jill Vitagliano*)

5:10PM Informational Item: Parent/Teacher SGC Elections Update (Katelyn Bivins)

5:20PM Informational Item: Superintendent Advisory Councils Updates (Zach Vaughan)

5:25PM Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting's Agenda (*All Members*)

5:30PM Action Item: Meeting Adjournment (*Jill Vitagliano*)

Meeting Norms:

Be respectful of time | Be respectful of each other's perspectives | Use individual strengths to maximize our collective work | Assume good will | Let thoughts be completed before commenting, please do not interrupt others | Maintain confidentiality

Notes and Reminders

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*****Annual Budget Approval**

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Updated Budget Timeline

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All Dates are Subject to Change

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