

March Agenda

School: Innovation Academy

Date: 3/19/2025

Time: 7:45 AM

Location: Northstar room 372

TEAMS Link (if applicable): [Join the meeting now](#) - Meeting ID: 264 969 308 50 -

Passcode: CkZDTw

SGC Members:

Scott Kent (Principal), Jeanietta Howard (Parent-Chair), Haaris Quraishy (Assistant Principal-Vice Chair), Robert Alford (Community Member), Dahlia Restler (Staff), Charu Agrawal (Parent), Donald Lynch (Staff), Ron Wright (Community Member), Jit Saha (Parent), Scott Hetherington (Staff), Bob Kuhn (Staff-Parliamentarian); Reema Mistry (Student Representative), and Yash Varakala (Student Representative)

7:45AM Call to Order (*Chair*)

7:47AM Action Item: Approve Agenda (*Chair*)

7:48AM Action Item: Approve February Minutes (*Chair*)

7:49AM Action Item: Nominate/Vote on SGC Co-Chair (*Chair*)

7:54 AM Discussion Item: Outreach and Communications Committee Updates (*Committee Chair or Rep*)

A. Parent/Teacher SGC Elections*

8:00AM Discussion Item: Budget Committee Updates (*Committee Chair or Rep*)

A. Annual Budget Approval**

B. Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals (*All Members*)

C. Action Item: Approve Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals*** (*Chair*)

8:25 AM Informational Item: Superintendent Advisory Council Update (*Advisory Council Representative*)

8:28 AM Discussion Item: Spring 2025 Strategic Plan Retreat Representatives** (*All Members*)

8:30 AM Informational Item: Principal's Update (*Principal*)

8:40 AM Informational Item: Student Leadership Updates (*Student Representatives*)

8:45AM Action Item: Meeting Adjournment (*Co-Chair*)

Meeting Norms: Silence Phones, Be Respectful of Others' Opinions, Work for the good of all Students

Spring Meeting Dates:

- ~~January 16th~~
- ~~February 20th~~
- ~~March 20th~~
- April 17th
- May 15th

Notes and Reminders

***SGC Elections**

The declaration period for parents and teachers interested in serving on their local SGCs will run from **February 3rd to March 28th**. Click [here](#) to check how many council seats your school has open for these positions in this year's election cycle.

****Spring 2025 Strategic Plan Retreat**

We invite you to our Spring 2025 Strategic Plan Retreat, an excellent opportunity for SGC members to connect, share successes, and discuss school improvement aligned with broader goals. Join us for inspiring discussions that enhance community relationships.

Event Details:

- March 17: North Learning Center, 450 Northridge Pkwy, Atlanta, GA 30350
- April 2: South Learning Center, 4025 Flat Shoals Road, Union City, GA 30291
- Time: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (lunch provided)

Members only need to sign up for one date. We encourage **three** members from each SGC to attend.

Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AADA923A1FD0-54670053-spring>

We look forward to this transformative journey together!

*****Annual Budget Approval**

FY26 Budget development begins on **February 21st and will conclude on March 7th (Elementary Schools) and March 14th (Middle & High Schools)**. SGCs should schedule their March meetings prior to their budget closure date to ensure the council has time to discuss and approve FY26 fiscal allocations. Following the council's approval, each school should complete and submit the [FY26 Annual Budget Approval Form](#).

******Charter Dollars**

This year, schools have received **\$46,391 in Charter Dollars** to help meet their strategic goals through local innovative solutions. These funds should be used for non-personnel purchases such as supplies, registrations, communications, etc. When purchasing personnel, schools are advised to use other funding sources allowable for positions. If Charter Dollars are requested for personnel, the expenditure will require approval from the Zone Superintendent, SGC, and Executive Director of Governance and Strategy. Additionally, any materials purchased to support literacy instruction must align with [GaDOE literacy requirements](#).

Each Charter Dollar expenditure requires an SGC vote for approval, the completion of the [Charter Dollar Expenditure Form](#), and is subject to the same district guidelines that govern school cost center budgets. All Charter Dollars must be spent in the year they are received to support our current student population. We encourage SGCs to schedule discussions early in the year to plan for these expenditures, ensuring all purchases are made before end-of-year spending deadlines. See our [Charter Dollar Matrix](#) for examples of FCS-supported expenditures.