

March Agenda

School:

Date: 3/25/2025

Time: 2:45PM

Location: Art Room 2 - Hall B

TEAMS Link (if applicable):

SGC Members:

Lisa Garosi (Principal), Sunny Wright (Assistant Principal - 2023-2025), Lindsay King (Teacher - 2023-2025), Sandy Austin (Teacher - 2024-2026), Holly Chafin (Teacher - 2024-2026), Adrienne Sienkowski (Parent - Chair - 2023-2025), Jen DuFore (Parent-Parliamentarian - 2023-2025), Kerry Ward (Parent - Community Member - 2023-2025), Erin Rybos (Parent - Vice Chair - 2024-2026), Laura Ambrosio (Parent - Community Member - 2024-2026)

2:45PM Call to Order (*Chair*)

2:47PM Action Item: Approve Agenda (*Chair*)

2:50PM Action Item: Approve February Minutes (*Chair*)

2:55PM Informational Item: Superintendent Advisory Councils Updates (Council Representative)

3:05PM Discussion Item: SGC Parent/Teacher Elections Update* (Outreach and Communications Committee)

3:20PM Discussion Item: Spring 2025 Strategic Plan Retreat Representatives** (*All Members*)

3:25PM Action Item: Annual Budget Approval***(*Chair*)

3:35PM Discussion Item: Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals (*All Members*)

3:45PM Action Item: Approve Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals**** (*Chair*)

3:47PM Informational Item: Principal's Update (*Principal*)

4:00PM Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting's Agenda (*All Members*)

4:00PM Action Item: Meeting Adjournment (*Chair*)

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

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](#).

Updated Budget Timeline

******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.