AGENDA

Hamilton E. Holmes Elementary School Governance Council

Date | *time* 3/20/2025 | 7:30am | *Location* Principal's Conference Room

TEAMS Link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZTQ0NDllNWEtZGQyYS00ZTllLWFiY2QtMWQ2YzdlMzk5MTA5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%220cdcb198-8169-4b70-ba9f-da7e3ba700c2%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%222f52cf9b-9a31-4f5a-88f7-c503adad239f%22%7d

SGC Members

Mr. Felipe Jackson, Principal | Ms. Racquel Plummer, School Employee | Mrs. Treneka Christian, Teacher | Ms. Ebone Parks, Teacher | Shiron Jelks, School Employee | Ms. Fabiola Martinez Garcia, Parent | Ms. Nohemi Gudino, School Employee | Ms. Celine Heflin, Parent | Mrs. Tamika Byrd-Green, Community Member | Dr. Chasity Adams, Community Member |

7:35AM Call to Order *(Chair)*

Motioned by Jelks

Seconded by Parks

7:35AM Action Item: Approve Agenda *(Chair)*

Motioned by Parks

Seconded by Jelks

7:36AM Action Item: Approve February Minutes *(Chair)*

Motioned by Byrd

Seconded by Christian

7:39AM Discussion Item: Superintendent Advisory Councils Updates (Council Representative)

Meeting Norms

Silences Phones | Be Respectful of Others' Opinions | Work for the Good of All Students

Discussion: Cell phone policy in elementary/middle. No phones at all. High school will limit restrictions on cell phones. New lab dogs for random pop ups at schools. Federal funding 5% budget was cut for central office staff. 3% cut from federal. COSA: regarding schools without attendance boundaries and siblings, couldn't take effect (changing school assignments). Security in schools are being updated, badges, contractors having background checks.

7:39AM Informational Item: Update for Parent/Teacher SGC Elections

Jelks is recommending 3 parents and sending information to apply. Christian has 1 parent interested. Byrd has 1 parent considering.

Teachers will receive a follow-up email regarding applications and submissions.

7:46AM Discussion Item: Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals (All Members)

1 request from basketball team $340.95. To purchase awards and trophies for student achievement and success during the season. Awards and basketball goal.

Request form will be resent to teachers and staff.

Spring break is the hard deadline for funding proposals. Funding ideas: Summer planning, EIP, interventions, smart boards for each grade level. The deadline for requests will be Wednesday, March 26th.

8:02AM Action Item: Approve Charter Dollar Expenditures (All Members)

$340.95 was approved by all members for the basketball team trophies and gifts.

8:04AM Information Item: Principal's Update *(Principal)*

GA climate survey completion to maintain ratings. Open house tours for Parklane families. Timeline for next year planning to be completed before the end of the school year.

8:08AM Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting's Agenda *(All Members)*

The meeting will be moved up to April 3rd. Voting on charter dollar expenditures. SGC elections will be opened and discussed. Surveys to complete as council members, reflection form for the year, self-assessment and principal surveys.

8:10AM Action Item: Meeting Adjournment *(Chair)*

Motioned by Parks

Seconded by Christian

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.

****Annual Budget Approval**

FY26 Budget development begins on February 10th and will **conclude on February 28th (Elementary Schools)** and **March 7th (Middle & High Schools)**. SGCs should schedule their February and 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.

All Dates are Subject to Change

*****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.