

August Agenda 2025-2026

School: Esther Jackson Elementary School

Date: 08/14/2025

Time: 3:45 p.m.

Location: Front Office Conference room

SGC Members: Nikol Boyd (Principal), Katelyn Bivins (Teacher-Appointed), Lisa Russo (Parent) Margaret Gunter (Parent ), Lisa Stubbs (Teacher ), Lisa MacMillan (Teacher), Kyle Finley (Parent), Avery Sather (Teacher), Gabi Benitez (Community Member – Appointed)

3:45 PM Call to Order (Principal)

At 3:46 Ms. Lawson called the meeting to order. All members were present.

3:47 PM Action Item: Approve Agenda (Principal)

Ms. Lawson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Bivins motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Finley seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3:50 PM Action Item: Approve Previous Minutes from May (Principal)

Ms. Lawson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from May. Mr. Finley motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Bivins seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3:52 PM Discussion Item: Member Introductions (All Members)

Everyone introduced themselves to the other council members.

3:56 PM Discussion Item: Review Council Norms

Ms. Boyd reviewed the norms and clarified to be curious to council members.

4:00 PM Action Item: Approve nominated Community Member (Principal) - Stephanie Christiansen (STAR House)

Stephanie Christiansen was nominated to be a community member. Ms. MacMillan motioned to approve the nomination. Ms. Sather seconded the motion. All were in favor.

4:03 PM Action Item: Elect New Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Parliamentarian) (Principal)

Ms. MacMilan nominated Ms. Bivins for chair. Mr. Finley seconded the nomination. All were in favor. Ms. MacMillan nominated Mr. Finley for vice chair. Ms. Bivins

seconded the motion. All were in favor. Ms. Gunter nominated Ms. Russo for parliamentarian. Ms. MacMillan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

4:10 PM Action Item: Action Items: Staff Standing Committees (Budget and Finance, Outreach and Communication, Principal Selection) (Chair)

Budget and Finance committee includes Mr. Finley, Ms. MacMillan, Ms. Russo, and Ms. Stubbs. Outreach committee includes Ms. Bivins, Ms. Gunther, Ms. Sather, Ms. Benitez, and Ms. Christiansen. Principal Selection committee includes Ms. Bivins, Ms. Stubbs, Ms. Gunter, and Ms. Benitez. Mr. Finley motioned to approve all committees. Ms. Gunter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

4:20 PM Discussion Item: Confirm Parent/Community (Superintendent Advisory Council Representative)

Mr. Finley volunteered to act as the parent representative for the superintendent advisory council meetings.

4:22 PM Discussion Item: Determine Meeting Schedule for SY25-26 (All Members)

Meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

4:25 PM Discussion Item: Strategic Planning – Discuss State of School and areas of focus for Strategic Plan (Principal)

Ms. Boyd shared EJ's theme of Level up, No excuses for students, staff, and parents. She spoke about the value statement of Fulton County Schools (teamwork, integrity, and accountability). Ms. Boyd shared EJ's Core 4 with council members (2-way communication, observable and explicit instructional routines, rigorous independent practice, and student/teacher engagement). Fulton County Schools goal of Enhancing performance for all students, 80% of all students reading at or above grade level. This will look different for individual schools.

4:35 PM Informational Item: Principal's Update (Principal)

A. Current Enrollment and Seat Day

Current Enrollment is around 470 students, projected at 481.

B. District Cellphone Policy and Student Device Insurance

State legislation passed that includes the consequences. Cell phones must stay in bookbags on silent.

C. Calendar of Upcoming School Events

PBIS kickoff 8/15/2025, For Day 8/17/2025 this event is for everyone in the community, Curriculum Night 8/28

D. Training Requirements for all Members (Council Training in Canvas and Officer Training)

Newsletter from SGC went out on 8/14 for required training. Ms. Boyd will also send an email to members with specific directions of which council members need the different training offered.

5:00 PM Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting's Agenda (All Members)

Strategic plan for Esther Jackson, Ideas for seed fund monies, Ideas for getting families in contact with each other

5:10 PM Action Item: Meeting Adjournment (Chair)

Ms. Lawson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Finley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Gunter seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Meeting Norms: Be present and curious, Be Respectful of Others' Opinions, Work for the good of all Students