

CES School Governance Team Meeting – October 6, 2025

In attendance: Becky Bryant, Gary Morris, Floyd Braid, Donovan Tate, Katlyn Stathopulo, Sarah Daniell, Brandi Gainor, Emily Keener. Guest: Dr. Marc Feuerbach. Mrs. Bryant opened the meeting at 8:04 a.m.

I. Floyd Braid conducted required annual SGT training. Team members were given the CCS School Level Governance Decision-Making Matrix.

- Name change: the school system made the formal shift from school governance councils (SGC) to school governance teams (SGT) when applying for the new charter.
- What is a charter system? A charter system waives many state BOE rules and uses this flexibility to advance student achievement and support school and district improvement. Ex: class size. OCGA § 20-2-85 is Georgia's school council law.
- Why have SGTs? To bring communities and schools together in a spirit of cooperation, improve academic achievement, provide support for teachers and administrators, and bring parents into the school decision-making process.
- Purpose of an SGT: to maintain a schoolwide perspective, participate in council meetings, participate in information and training sessions, and act as a link between the SGT and constituents.
- SGTs are 100% advisory, but members have a voice that others may not have. The team gets to offer input/feedback on principal performance and selection, into how resources are allocated, etc.
- Code of Ethics: respect the chain of command, represent all students, be informed about matters before the SGT. If you don't know, ask! Focus on facts. Work collaboratively with others. Communicate community issues to the principal. Participate in training and attend meetings. Remember that individual SGT members have no authority.

II. Principal's Update

- Discussion of the September 17th incident: all details that could have been released were. Some parents have offered suggestions for improving school safety, such as installing metal detectors, searching every bookbag every day, and keeping backpacks in the hallways instead of in the classroom. SGT members were asked to encourage parents who still have concerns or questions about the incident to contact Mrs. Bryant.
- Parent survey update: responses are still being collected. As of the date of the meeting, 67 responses had been submitted.

III. Remainder of meeting: with time running short, other topics were touched on briefly.

- School Improvement Goals: Mrs. Bryant handed out the accountability tracking matrix. Work on these goals is in progress.
- Consolidated Budget Update: tabled.
- Parent & Family Engagement: Spooky Science Night is coming up on October 23rd. There will be a station set up with a Title I presentation running. Sarah Daniell asked that parents visit the station and use the QR code to complete a survey.

The next meeting will be held on 11/17/25. No further business.