

January Agenda

School: Cogburn Woods Elementary

Date: 1/15/2026

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Learning Commons

SGC Members:

Lisa Garosi (Principal)	Jacqueline Daeschler (Teacher-Chair)
Holly Chafin (Teacher)	Erin Rybos (Parent -Vice-Chair)
Sandy Austin (Appointed Staff)	Christine Grosso Farias (Parent)
Lauren Pritchard (Appointed Staff)	Cristina Allen (Parent-Parliamentarian)
Fredrico Giroldo (Community Member)	(Community Member) OPEN

3:00PM Call to Order (*JD*)

3:02PM Action Item: Approve Agenda (*JD*)

3:05PM Action Item: Approve Previous Month's Minutes (*Chair*)

3:06PM Discussion Item: Planning for Parent/Teacher SGC Elections* see below

3:08PM Principal Presentation: Planning for Annual Budget Approval** see below (*Garosi*)

3:10PM Discussion Item: Schedule Spring Committee Meetings (*All Members*)

-Finance and Communications Committee- revisit dates and confirm

3:15PM Discussion Item: Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals (*All Members*)

-Grant form added to the 1/11 S'more

-Chairs and coolers

3:30PM Informational Item: Principal's Update (*Garosi*)

3:45 PM Revisit items from last meeting- Digital Safety, Recess Cameras, Uline Benches (any update from Meg)

3:55PM 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 Parent/Teacher Elections**

The declaration period for parents and teachers interested in serving on their local SGCs will run from **February 2nd to March 27th**. 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 2nd and will **conclude on February 20th (Elementary Schools), February 27th (Middle Schools), and March 6th (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.

All Dates are Subject to Change

*****Charter Dollars**

This year, schools have received **\$30,000 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.

******Midyear Data Dig**

January is a great time to partner with the Assessment Department for an SGC data dig to review fall trends and set priorities for spring.