January Agenda

School: Dolvin Elementary

Date: 1/20/2026

Time: 7:00AM

Location: Room 201, Dolvin Elementary School

SGC Members: Andy Stein, Principal; Cynthia Bradley, Teacher; Sarah Fetz, Parent; Carrie Halron, Appointed Staff; Jun Park, Community Member; Sherman Neal, Parent; Kelly Morgan, Teacher; Jeana Lee, Appointed Staff; Jennifer Sabel, Parent; Alex Steinwachs, Community Member; Katie Lawson, Fulton County Facilitator

7:09AM Call to Order *(Chair)*

- Kristin McCay introduction

7:10AM Action Item: Approve Agenda *(Chair)*

- Sherman Neal to send October minutes for approval during February 17th meeting
- Adding October minutes to February agenda

7:11AM Action Item: Approve Previous Month's Minutes *(Chair)*

7:12AM Discussion Item: Planning for Parent/Teacher SGC Elections* - voting to be open right after parent/teacher elections

- Rolling Off SGC: Cynthia Bradley, Sara Fetz, Carrie Halron, Sherman Neal, Jun Park
- 2 parents are voted in, 1 teacher appointed (Mr. Stein appoints a teacher), 1 staff voted in and 1 community member appointed
- Voting is during Feb 2nd – March 27th
- Parent Involvement for SGC Ideas:
    - Educational video
    - Some type of education for parents and community members to understand the importance of SGC
    - Idea: pictures and videos of what the charter dollars gave the students and teachers
    - Jennifer Sabel to reach out to Kristin McCabe to see if the county has any type of educational material we can use
    - Inform parents what we do with our expenditure dollars
    - Next year discuss data collection
    - Alex Steinwachs to work on education within the community
    - February 17th is the next meeting for comments from the community

7:26AM Discussion Item: Planning for Annual Budget Approval** Mr. Stein's budget opens on February 2nd and we will move this item to our agenda for February 17th's meeting

- The bulk of the budget is already spoken when it comes to staff and teachers, etc.

- Will approve the rest of the budget in February (items to discuss: flex position, CTAE teacher, and instructional pair professional who assists with IEPs

7:28AM Discussion Item: Schedule Spring Committee Meetings (*All Members)*

- February 17th meeting we will be starting 30 minutes later (7:30am)
- 7:00am – 7:30am budget (work with Mr. Stein on budget) and communications (plan to get people to vote) committees will meet before hand

7:32AM Informational Item: Midyear Data Dive**** *(Principal)*

- Review of strategic action plan

7:45AM Informational Item: Principal's Update *(Principal)*

7:55AM Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting's Agenda *(All Members)*

- February Agenda to include new time change of 7:30am
- Neal Sherman would like to discuss the Gwinnett County Teachers' Association
- Two people from each SGC board attend an event venue – will confirm this in February who from our board will be attending

8:04AM Kristin McCay Fulton County Update:

- Committee meeting at 9:30am at Chattahoochee High School
- Legislature back in session
- Cell phone ban
- Two policies on gifts and requests

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

- Chair had to step out and Vice Chair adjourned the meeting

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.