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Findley Oaks Elementary School

School: Findley Oaks Elementary School
Date: January 21, 2026
Time: 7:10 AM
Location: A145

SGC Members:
Camille Christopher (Principal), Tariq Adwan (Elected Parent), Jennifer Fried (Elected Teacher), Ady Germanguz (Appointed Community Member), Alexa Hild (Appointed Employee), Amy Magaro (Appointed Employee), Tim Reeder (Elected Parent), Ariel Robins (Elected Teacher), Camy Smith (Elected Parent), Jake Rubin (Community Member)

7:13AM Call to Order *(Magaro)*

7:13AM Action Item: Approve Agenda *(Magaro)*

7:13AM Action Item: Approve November Minutes *(Magaro)*

7:14AM Action Item: Approve December Minutes *(Magaro)*

7:14AM Discussion Item: Planning for Parent/Teacher SGC Elections *(All Members)* *

- One parent and one teacher are rolling off the SGC next year.
- Declaring begins February 2nd.
- Ms. Christopher suggested that the Communications Committee meet to discuss strategies for advertising the declaration window and the voting window.
- Ms. Christopher is looking at the data of families who are not receiving any communications from the school, whether because they opted out or because they do not have an accurate email address on file. She suggested that the communications committee also advertise what kinds of things get communicated and what could be missed if parents choose to opt out.
- All past issues of the Findley Flyer (school newsletter) are posted on the Findley Oaks website.

7:28AM Discussion Item: Planning for Annual Budget Approval ** *(Christopher)*

- Ms. Christopher will receive her budget from the district in early February, which will represent both non-personnel funds and personnel funds based how many teachers are allotted for each grade level from enrollment projections.
- The school board approved the allotment guidelines, but elementary allotments were not heavily affected. The only impact Findley Oaks will see is from our flex position. We still get one, which is used for our CTAE teacher position. The cost of a flex position has always been equivalent to a counselor, which is more expensive than a teacher. However, the allotment guidelines decreased flex spending to the equivalent to a teacher. In the past, the difference left over of the money could go into non-personnel funds, but now we're losing that money.
- Ms. Christopher has requested a meeting with the Budget Committee in the window between when she receives the budget from the district and our next SGC meeting/when the budget window closes.

7:32AM Discussion Item: Schedule Spring Committee Meetings *(All Members)*

- Considering the timeline for both spring declaration window (Communication Committee) and budget window (Budget Committee), Ms. Christopher recommends that both committees meet between now and the next SGC meeting on February 18.
- Communications Committee can also work on strategies for sharing information about the work of the SGC.
- Ms. Christopher shared the names of members on and chairs of each committee.
- Specific times and logistics for each committee's meeting can be set at the conclusion of this meeting.

7:36AM Discussion Item: Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals (All Members)

- Ms. Robins proposed a request from the Kindergarten team for $151.04 to be used on tangible, small prizes to be "sold" in the Kindergarten classrooms' CARE Points stores.
- Ms. Robins proposed $856.35 based on a quote for 99 "CARE Wear" shirts to be sold in the CARE store.
- Ms. Magaro will bring a quote for refilling the Book Vending Machine to the next meeting.
- Dr. Fried and Ms. Scutt will bring a quote for purchasing games for the Falcon Friends group.
    - Ms. Smith suggested reaching donations from families to give their used games.

7:42AM Action Item: Approve Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals *** *(Magaro)*

7:46AM Informational Item: Midyear Data Dive and Principal Updates**** (Christopher)

- Staffing:
    - Miao Li began as new IST
    - Arpita Shrivastava began as new IRR teacher
    - New para for IRR (Arpita's replacement): position is currently vacant – we have a student who is now approved for a categorical para (1:1), Ms. Christopher has made a recommendation
    - Ms. Sweeney (3rd grade teacher) is currently out on leave; Ms. Van Stone is currently her long-term sub
- Celebrations

    - Will Pittman is one of the top 8 at the district spelling bee; the regional spelling bee is in Decatur next weekend.
    - Students attended Tech Fair, but no results yet.
- Events
    - Today, January 21: Atlanta Opera will perform for all students 2nd-5th grade
    - Tonight, January 21: Tazikis Spirit Night
    - Friday, January 23: Bingo Night
    - Friday, January 30: All Pro Dad breakfast
    - Tuesday, February 3: Northview Cluster Concert
    - Monday, February 9 and Tuesday, February 10: Kids Heart Challenge Celebrations (during normal PE day/time)
        - Question – does school get a cut (yes)
        - Question – of all the causes in all the world, why this one? It's been something we've done at this school for many years, many schools in the district do it, two-fold encourage fitness for students and empathy for other children
        - A lot of the parents do not like this challenge, particularly the plastic trinket prizes
        - Can we look into doing a fundraiser or service project for another cause/non-profit?
        - Ms. Christopher will talk to Ms. Roz and district-level PE coordinator about looking into other opportunities, maybe mix it up next year
    - Friday, February 27: Gladiators spirit night, chorus singing national anthem
    - February 16 – President's Day – students out, teacher workday, district made a remote day
    - February 17 – Professional Development Day – students out

8:05AM Action Item: Draft Next Agenda *(All Members)*

8:06AM Action Item: Meeting Adjournment *(Magaro)*