

CES School Governance Team Meeting – January 12, 2026

In attendance: Becky Bryant, Gary Morris, Caroline Womack, Katlyn Stathopulo, Donovan Tate, Sarah Daniell, Brandi Gainor, Emily Keener. Mrs. Bryant opened the meeting at 8:06 a.m.

- I. Welcome
- II. Housekeeping
 - a. Katlyn Stathopulo moved to approve November minutes, Caroline Womack seconded, and minutes were approved.
 - b. January agenda distributed
 - c. Discussion of district governance meeting, which Caroline Womack and Brandi Gainor attended. “Basement” grades, fifth year senior program, etc.
- III. Principal Update (none—items listed on agenda are a typo from previous agenda)
- IV. School Improvement Goals
 - a. Progress Update
 - i. STORM time: teachers are taking the lead with this, using their student data. New STORM rotation starting today. Trying to keep highest need groups the smallest. STORM Chasers (staff) are implementing a minimum of two Leadworthy lessons a month.
 - ii. New ELA curriculum and standards are in progress—a big undertaking. Tests changing, targets changing. Teachers are doing a great job adapting.
 - iii. Benchmark Advanced is the resource being used to teach the standards
 - iv. Reserving one Wednesday afternoon a month for professional development.
 - v. CKH: working on identifying essential behaviors in each grade level and explicitly teaching/monitoring those behaviors. Working on aligning PBIS with CKH.
 - vi. STEAM: working on business partnerships to both support and enhance the school’s STEAM focus. STEAM walks scheduled for April 3rd (state STEAM Advancing Status walking through to review). SGT invited to attend. Brandi Gainor and Gary Morris are going to visit a school in Atlanta that’s working to be state STEAM certified.
 - b. Feedback
 - c. 7 Pillar Promise Signaling – review of Fall 2025
 - i. Retaining Effective Adults – at “support required” status due to the need for additional time for parent conferencing. CES is considering ways to add in calendar time for this, possibly through early release or having

scheduled conference days for teams of teachers with substitutes covering their classrooms those days.

ii. Will be online for further review.

- V. Consolidated Budget Update – goal is to spend in alignment with School Improvement Goals
 - a. Opportunity for feedback
 - b. Instructional Resource Budget – includes requests to meet curriculum (teacher/student books, software licenses, etc.). System level funding that the school requests.
 - c. School Requests
 - i. Maintenance
 - ii. Technology
 - iii. Staffing
 - iv. Additional Requests (budget amendments for: substitute structure for specialists (ESOL, EIP, Gifted), CVA (virtual) plan for years than fewer than five students, funds for subs for conferences, funds for stipends for Gifted Endorsement participants)
- VI. Parent & Family Engagement
 - a. Building Capacity
 - b. Staff collaboration with families and stakeholders
 - c. Student Showcase – February 12th
- VII. Open Discussion
 - a. SGT would like to learn more about the budget from a system perspective. Becky Bryant will invite Hilary Mullinax, CFO, to speak at a future meeting.
 - b. General discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Remainder of 2025-26 meetings:

February 9, 2026

March 9, 2026

April 20, 2026

May 11, 2026