

March Agenda

School: Esther Jackson

Date: 3/19/2026

Time: 3:45PM

Location: Front Office Conference Room

SGC Members:

Nikol Boyd (Principal), Katelyn Bivins (Teacher-Appointed), Lisa Russo (Parent), Margaret Gunter (Parent), Lisa Stubbs (Teacher), Lisa MacMillan (Teacher), Kyle Finley (Parent), Avery Sather (Teacher), Gabi Benitez (Community Member – Appointed), Stephanie Christiansen Butler (Community Member)

3:45PM Call to Order (*Chair*)

3:47PM Action Item: Approve Agenda (*Chair*)

3:52PM Action Item: Approve February Minutes (*Chair*)

4:00PM Informational Item: Superintendent Advisory Councils Updates (*Council Representative*)

4:05PM Discussion Item: SGC Parent/Teacher Elections Update* (*Outreach and Communications Committee*)

4:10PM Discussion Item: Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals (*All Members*)

- Window covering for cafeteria
- Flex space to replace computer lab
- Garden start up
- Spring Carnival Donation

4:20PM Action Item: Approve Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals**** (*Chair*)

4:25PM Informational Item: Principal's Update (*Principal*)

- GA Milestones
- Hometown Heros
- GLIDE update
- 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony
- GaMTSS new process
- Safety update (badges, doors, cross walk, fence)
- Centennial Senior Walk

4:30PM Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting's Agenda (*All Members*)

4:35PM Action Item: Meeting Adjournment (*Chair*)

Meeting Norms: Be present and curious, Be Respectful of Others' Opinions, Work for the good of all Students

Notes and Reminders

Spring Cross Council

We are excited to share that our Spring Cross Council will be held on **Thursday, March 19th** from 8AM-2PM with this year's focus being *Strategic Planning & Celebrating Success*.

As we step into 2026, this gathering will give us the opportunity to align our goals and priorities for the coming year, ensuring that our collective efforts continue to make a meaningful impact across our schools. It will also be a time to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of our School Governance Councils—from innovative initiatives to strengthened community engagement. Your dedication has truly made a lasting difference, and we look forward to recognizing that together.

Each council is encouraged to select two members to attend. Please use the Sign Up Genius link provided [here](#) to register each individual representative.

***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**

FY27 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 FY27 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.