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Findley Oaks Elementary School

School: Findley Oaks Elementary School
Date: 2/18/2026
Time: 7:10 AM
Location: A145

SGC Members:
Camille Christopher (Principal), Tariq Adwan (Elected Parent), Jennifer Fried (Elected Teacher), Alexa Hild (Appointed Employee), Ariel Robins (Elected Teacher), Camy Smith (Elected Parent)

Visitors/Guests:
Anu Bhardwaj (Neighboring teacher); Allison Polaski (Assistant Principal)

7:17AM Call to Order (*Fried*)

7:17AM Action Item: Approve Agenda (*Christopher*)

7:17AM Action Item: Approve January Minutes (*Christopher*)

7:18AM Informational Item: Superintendent Advisory Councils Updates (*Council Representative*)

- Ms. Smith has not received any invitations to additional meetings since the last report. She will provide an update as one becomes available.

7:19AM Discussion Item: Planning for Parent/Teacher SGC Elections (*All Members*) *

- Ms. Hild shared that the SGC Outreach Committee met to discuss how to advertise the election, both for the purpose of getting volunteers to declare candidacy and overall awareness for voting.
- The committee reached out to Student Council, who agreed to create posters and run an awareness campaign, including standing outside during carpool
- The school also put out yard signs/sandwich boards, a notification on the electronic road sign, and added an announcement in the school newsletter.

- We will have one open parent seat and one open teacher seat. At this time we have one person in each category who has already declared candidacy.

7:22AM Discussion Item: Budget Approval ** (*Christopher*)
- The Budget committee met previously to go over the proposed budget
- There will not be any changes to the budget provided by the district until after SEAT count, where adjustments may be made based on real vs. projected enrollment
- Please see this presentation for a full breakdown of the proposed budget

7:40AM Discussion Item: Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals (*All Members*)
- Ms. Christopher shared that the current remaining balance of SGC funds is $4236.31. She explained that the district SGC urges schools to spend the money by March so that it can be used for this current school year and these current students.
- Dr. Fried proposed using SGC funds to pay for board games for the Falcon Friends peer program to play together.
    - Ms. Smith suggested instead soliciting donations from families
    - Ms. Hild expressed concern about assuring all game pieces were included in the donations
    - Group members created a plan to advertise in the Findley Flyer and via PTO communications, especially over spring break when many families do a spring cleaning/decluttering
- Ms. Christopher proposed using the remaining balance to purchase facility materials for custodial services, which is connected to the strategic goal of safety.

7:46AM Action Item: Approve Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals *** (*Christopher*)

7:58AM Informational Item: Principal Updates (*Christopher*)
- Celebrations:
    - Findley Oaks was awarded the Ready Georgia Seal of Preparedness
    - Last week we celebrated Georgia Day for the first time, headed by Dr. Ciancetta.
    - Overall teacher of the year is Ryan Maraziti, 5th grade teacher
    - Overall support professional of the year is Brenda Hunter, PA/bookkeeper
    - Ms. Hild represented Findley Oaks by leading a session at a district training during yesterday's PD day
    - The PD in the building involved teachers working on LETRS training, Ms. Polaski sharing a presentation on behavior, training in Language Arts/Reading for Milestones, training for math fluency kits (math games) redelivered by teachers, and special education training.
- Staffing update:
    - Matonna Sweeny is on extended leave. Her current long term substitute Sarah Van Stone has been promoted to that position.
- Upcoming events:
    - Today 2/18 9:30 a.m. Kristin McCabe community meeting
    - 2/26 Community night
    - 2/27 Chorus at Gladiators
    - 2/28 Daddy-Daughter Dance

    - 3/4 PTO Meeting
    - 3/5 Stem Day
    - 3/13 Literacy Night “Multi Modal Magic”
    - 3/20 Mother Son Game Night
- District Updates
    - The Board of Education made a recommendation to make a mid year adjustment to the calendar to include a furlough day for all employees on 5/21 and change the last day of school to 5/20. The board will vote on this proposal at their March board meeting.
    - There is a Cross-Council meeting in March. Ms. Christopher asked for volunteers to go with her; Ms. Hild said she would attend.

8:03AM Action Item: Draft Next Agenda (*All Members*)

8:03AM Action Item: Meeting Adjournment (*Christopher*)