

February 2026 MINUTES

School: CWES

Date: 2/19/2026

Time: 3:00PM

Location: Aux Art Room

SGC Members:

Lisa Garosi (Principal) PRESENT	Jacqueline Daeschler (Teacher-Chair) PRESENT
Holly Chafin (Teacher) PRESENT	Erin Rybos (Parent -Vice-Chair) PRESENT
Sandy Austin (Appointed Staff) PRESENT	Christine Grosso Farias (Parent) PRESENT
Lauren Pritchard (Appointed Staff)	OPEN (Parent-Parliamentarian) PRESENT
Fredrico Giroldo (Community Member) PRESENT	Anupam Kumar (Community Member) PRESENT

3:03PM Call to Order (*Daeschler*)

3:02PM Action Item: Approve Agenda (*JD motioned to approve, HC second*)

3:04PM Action Item: Approve January Minutes (*January minutes to be sent by LP and approved at next meeting*)

3:05PM Informational Item: Superintendent Advisory Councils Updates (*HC attended the Meeting and Dinner. Superintendent Looney reviewed deficit. The group assembled hygiene bags to distribute to local middle schools.*)

3:15PM Discussion Item: Informational Item: Principal's Update (*LG reviewed GLIDE and info from Lillie Pozatek Community Meeting from the day prior. 92M in deficit from healthcare costs going up, the Sr. Exemption, and the Fairshare Tax not being fair.*)

3:25PM Action Item: Annual Budget Approval (*LG reviewed the budget with the SGC. Highlights of changes from Fulton Co- 1 AP next year, 1 counselor, .5 Para (HDSGT); Internal adjustments- adjustments with custodial, instructional coach will be math coach. ER motioned to approve budget, HC second.*)

3:57PM Discussion Item: Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals/Grants (*14,411.49 remaining. Team reviewed all of the teacher grant submittals.*)

4:15PM Action Item: Approve Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals*** see below (*HC motioned to approve and JD second approval of grants for Clinic, Ms. Wood, Wellness committee, Scholastic flyers for K/1/2, AU, ESOL, Service Dog. Approx \$4,800 remaining.*)

4:21PM Planning for Parent/Teacher SGC Elections (*HC to put together a graphic to post on socials and in Cougar Chronicle*)

4:23PM Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting's Agenda (*Discuss remaining charter dollars.*)

4:26PM Action Item: Meeting Adjournment (*JD*)

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.