School Governance Council (SGC)

Meeting Summary | November 19, 2025

Cliftondale Elementary School Governance Council (SGC) met on **November 19, 2025**, for a combined **November–December meeting**. The SGC includes parents, staff, and community members who work together to support student achievement, school culture, and family engagement.

Key Highlights from the Meeting

✅ ***Agenda & Prior Minutes Approved***

The council approved the meeting agenda and adopted the previously shared meeting minutes and action summary.

📅 **Spring SGC Committee Meetings**

To better accommodate teachers and working families, the council discussed meeting **before the school day begins**:

- **Outreach & Communications Committee** – January
- **Budget & Finance Committee** – February

A scheduling poll will be sent to committee members.

🏫 **District & Superintendent Update**

The council received updates from the Superintendent Advisory Council, including:

- District work on developing guidelines for the use of **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** in schools
- Emphasis on protecting student data while supporting teachers
- Reinforcement of **safe, respectful school environments**, especially during politically sensitive times
- Encouragement for families to report concerns directly to school leadership

🎓 Principal's Update – Ms. Arnisha Canty

School Community & Climate

- Successful holiday luncheons and a staff Friendsgiving celebration
- Continued strong family engagement

Enrollment & Staffing

- Current enrollment: **695 students**
- One kindergarten vacancy due to an internal promotion to a TAG position
- One Special Education vacancy created due to a staff promotion

Strategic Plan

- Cliftondale's Strategic Plan was **fully approved** by the Zone Superintendent
- Teacher retention goal adjusted to **95%**, as recommended by the SGC

Academic Achievement

- **CCRPI Score: 82.1 (AB)**
- Growth noted in multiple performance areas
- Recognized as a **U.S. News Top 40% School** for the second year in a row

💰 Charter Fund Update

Charter funds have supported:

- PBIS initiatives
- Beta Club
- Literacy tools (including RAZ Kids)
- Staff supplements
- Trunk or Treat event
- Purchase of a commercial popcorn machine

Approximately **$10,000 in charter funds remain available** for future SGC initiatives.

📌 Next Steps

- New SGC initiatives were **tabled until January** to allow review of mid-year academic data
- A website audit will be conducted ahead of the next meeting
- Families are encouraged to stay engaged and watch for upcoming communications