Minutes

Sandy Springs Charter Middle School Governance Council

Date | time 05/06/2026 | 7:45 am | ***Location*** Sandy Springs Charter MS Media Center
SGC Website: https://tinyurl.com/SSCMSSGC

SGC Members

Laurie Woodruff, Principal | Julie Alterman Stifel, Elected Parent | Elizabeth Wallace, Elected Parent | Bree Byrd, Parent | Charlane Suarez, Elected Teacher | Toni Rogers, Elected Teacher | Susan Sutterfield, Community Representative | Megan Harris, Community Representative | Genevieve Johnson, Appointed School-Based Employee | Neil Hytowitz, Appointed School-Based Employee

Time	Item	Owner
7:45am	**Call to Order** Betsy called the meeting to order at 7:52 am. In attendance were Laurie Woodruff, Julie Alterman Stifel, Betsy Wallace, Genevieve Johnson, Megan Harris, Toni Rogers, Charlane Suarez, and Susan Sutterfield. George McCarthy-Zink was also present.	Betsy Wallace
7:46am	**Action Item: Approve Agenda** Genevieve made a motion to approve the agenda & Susan seconded it. Agenda unanimously approved.	Betsy Wallace
7:47am	**Action Item: Approve March, 2026 Meeting Minutes** Megan made a motion to approve the August minutes & Susan seconded it. Minutes approved unanimously.	Betsy Wallace

7:48 am	**Informational Item: Superintendent's Council**
	• Neither Julie nor NSHS received an invite to the last Superintendent's Council meeting of the year.
	• The summary that Erin Nusnbaum emailed said that they discussed several items:
	  ○ Potential updated/new board policy governing PTOs/PTAs/Booster Clubs
	  ○ Capital Plan 2032
	  ○ Facilities Management
	  ○ Possible new K-8 school
	  ○ Budget
	  ○ Legislative issues
		Julie Alterman Stifel

7:52am	**Informational Item: Principal's Update**
	• Preliminary GMAS results continue to come in
	  ○ Ms. Woodruff and the admin team are analyzing results and comparing to prior years
	  ○ ELA will not arrive until November
	  ○ Make-up testing this week (GMAS and iReady)
	• Summer Learning
	  ○ Housed at Ridgeview due to our renovations
	  ○ Have already invited students to attend summer learning
	  ▪ Will be working to amend that list based on data (GMAS, grades, iReady diagnostic)
	  ○ Will connect Megan and Hosley about how community partners can help with summer school needs
	  ○ APs will be at Ridgeview for summer school and then at Dunwoody Springs
	• Building renovations
	  ○ Roof to ceiling this summer (roof, ceiling tiles, HVAC, intercom)
		Laurie Woodruff

Meeting Norms

Silence Phones | Be Respectful of Others' Opinions | Work for the Good of All Students

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- Not yet sure about hallway floors because they are going back to the existing material
- Summer office staff at Dunwoody Springs 7am - 3pm for registration, etc.
- NSHS teams using SSCMS fields this summer
  - They have their own plans for shelter in place, etc. if needed
  - FCS adding portable restroom trailer for teams to use (will remain locked)
- Concerns from entire council about loss of tree canopy between school and GA 400
  - Energy efficiency
  - Increased sound from highway, especially during dismissal and when students are on fields and courts
  - Pest and critter control from displaced animals
  - Security
    - School is more exposed to highway
    - project management has built a temporary road from Pride Place to GA 400S that would allow someone to quickly escape
  - How does it affect sports (cross country for sure because of security)
- Staffing updates:
  - All teaching positions are filled
  - Mr. Smith, data clerk, is going to Teach for America; already have replacement identified
  - One parapro vacancy; making recommendation today
  - Gaining an additional AP
    - Interviews this Friday
    - Will be an end-dated position because we do not currently have the student census to fully earn this position
- SSCMS is #1 middle school for FCS Beanstack reading challenge
  - Trophy from FCS
  - 6th Grade won at SSCMS
  - Top five SSCMS student winners will receive Amazon gift card
- Calendar Updates:
  - The Wiz musical tonight and tomorrow
  - Carnival 5/8
  - HS Graduates Walk Building 5/12
  - NSHS Graduation 5/13
  - Device collection 5/15
  - Last day for backpacks 5/15
  - 8th Grade Week 5/11-15
  - 8th Grade Dance 5/15
  - Awards Ceremonies for all grades 5/18
  - Free Dress 5/18-21
  - Last Day of School for students 5/21
  - Post Planning 5/22 (must clear building by 4:00pm)

8:20am **Discussion Item: Charter Dollar Expenditure** — All Members

- Want to spend any remaining funds on beautification
  - Motion by Genevieve; second by Susan
  - Unanimously approved

8:30am **Informational Item: SGC Election Update**: — Julie Alterman Stifel

- New Elected Parents are Abi Salzman & Chris Cornell
- New Elected Teacher is Kendra Moore

8:35am **Action Item: Council Surveys** — All Members

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- Council completed group survey
- Please do the two individual surveys ASAP
    - Shouldn't take long to do
    - Julie will email reminder

8:40am **Action Item: Adjournment** Betsy Wallace

- Motion to adjourn: Susan; Seconded by Genevieve; Unanimously approved at 8:52 am

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