August Agenda

Ocee Elementary School

Date: 08/26/2026

Time: 7:30 AM

Location: Ocee Elementary Zoo

SGC Members: Anitha Venkita, Katie Harrold , Damarys Klausman, Candice Vance, Stacey McCord, Serena Rahaman, Chelsea McNatt , 2 Community Member (needed)

7:30 AM Call to Order

Motion: Anitha

Second: Damarys

All in Favor: Approved

7:30 AM Action Item: Approve Agenda

Motion: Chelsea

Second: Serena

All in Favor: Approved

7:35 AM Discussion Item: Member Introductions

7:35 AM Action Item: Elect New Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Parliamentarian)

- Chair – Katie Harrold
- Vice Chair – Stacey McCord
- Parliamentarian – Anitha Venkita

Motion: Chelsea

Second: Serena

All in Favor: Approved

7:40 AM Action Item: Action Items: Staff Standing Committees (Budget and Finance, Outreach and Communication, Principal Selection) *(Chair)*

- *Budget & Finance (Stacey, Candance, Serena)*
- *Outreach & Communication (Chelsea, Katie, Anitha, Damarys)*
- *Principal Selection (Katie, Serena, Anitha, Chelsea)*

Motion: Serena

Second: Anitha

All in Favor: Approved

7:55 AM Discussion Item: Confirm Parent/Community Superintendent Advisory Council Representative

- Our Representative is Stacey McCord

8:00 AM – ESPOLST Representative Adine Zornow

- Voting is November 3rd
- Projects are in place to benefit our school and feeder schools
- Safety and Security
- Technology
- Transportation
- Furniture and Equipment
- Attend the Board Community Meetings on Sept 15th @ Barnwell ES at 9:30 or October 21st at Taylor Road MS at 9:30
- Flyers can be found at the Front Office

8:00 AM Discussion Item: Determine Meeting Schedule for SY26-27

- Meeting once monthly/ last Wednesday of each month
    - Sept 30
    - Oct 28
    - Dec 9
    - Jan 27
    - Feb 24
    - March 31
    - May 12

8:05 AM Discussion Item: Strategic Planning Updates

- Mrs. Gray went over the approved updates and reviewed our strategic plan

8:15AM Informational Item: Principal's Update

A. Potential School Staffing Changes
    - Addition of 2 classes (Kindergarten and 4th Grade)
    - Lost AU Para – going to Kindergarten

B. Shifts in District Policy or School Practices
    - Cellphone and smart watch policy

C. Calendar of Upcoming School Events
    - Curriculum Night (8/26 and 8/27)

D. Training Requirements for new members

8:25 AM Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting's Agenda

- An update on Core 95 for 4th and 5th grade

8:26 AM Action Item: Meeting Adjournment *(Chair)*

Motion: Serena

Second: Anitha

All in Favor: Approved

Meeting Norms: Silence Phones, Be Respectful of Others' Opinions, Work for the good of all Students

Notes and Reminders

Below are some tips and additional details about the items listed on the first page of this document.

* **Setting the date, time, and location of your meeting**: It is a great idea to set your meeting schedule for the entire fall semester (if not the entire year) at your first meeting. Get this information posted at your school and on your SGC website and you will have already covered many requirements of the Open Records and Meetings Laws. It is important that SGC meetings are scheduled outside of school hours so that staff members can attend if they would like to do so. If your meetings will be held virtually, make sure to include a link so that members of the public are able to view the meeting on-line.

* **Action items**: All action items require a motion, a second and a vote (even seemingly simple things like the agenda and meeting minutes need to be voted on). Remember that principals and student members are not voting members, so even if they are designated as an owner of an action item, the voting members of the council will be responsible for motioning, seconding and voting on the item.

* **Discussion items**: These are agenda items that solicit feedback from council members. They do not require a vote.

* **Informational items**: It is common for councils to receive updates throughout the school year related to the day-to-day management of the school or district happenings. Informational items are usually meant to keep the council up to date on important topics even if they do not fall under the purview of the council. These items do not require a vote.

* **Running the first meeting**: Note that in this agenda the principal runs most of the meeting until the point at which officers are elected and the newly elected chair takes the lead. This is a great practice as there will not technically be a standing chair at the beginning of the first meeting of the year. (Note: if the previous chair is still sitting on the council, they are welcome to run the beginning of year meeting until a new chair is elected)

* **Staffing your committees**: Remember that all SGC members should be a part of at least one committee. The Budget and Finance Committee and the Communications and Outreach Committee require a Chair (any voting SGC member), the principal, three voting SGC members and can have up to three additional SGC or external members. Also, every school needs a Principal Selection Committee regardless of whether they believe that their principal position might become vacant. ***This committee is comprised of the SGC Chair and three additional voting SGC members***.

* **Nominating a representative for the Superintendent's Parent/Community Advisory Council**: All schools are asked to select a representative to serve on the Superintendent's Parent/Community Advisory Council. This group meets monthly with the superintendent to provide feedback and receive updates on important issues affecting FCS schools and local communities. Meeting dates/times/locations will be sent out to representatives prior to the first advisory council meeting. If a representative is unable to attend a meeting, another member of the council can attend in their place.

* **Drafting your next meeting agenda**: It is a best practice to draft an agenda for your next meeting at the end of each meeting to help your council plan its upcoming work. If unforeseen events require a council to modify the agenda, the council can simply edit the agenda and vote to approve the modified agenda at the beginning of the next council meeting.

SGC Council Development Opportunities:

Reminder that all new members must complete SGC Essential Training via Canvas and council officers are encouraged to attend in person Officer Training. See the Training Sessions tab of the Charter System website for more information.