# Cambridge High School Governance Council

## Meeting Minutes — August 18, 2026

**Location:** Cambridge High School, Room 2428
**Meeting Time:** 4:00 PM–5:10 PM

### SGC Members

Ashley Agans, Principal; Diana Leonard, Parent; Sangeetha Sriganesha, Parent; Sadaf Ahmed, Parent; Don Friedman, Community Member; Paula Havard, Community Member; Sarah Smith, Appointed Staff; Cory Kelley, Appointed Staff; Michael Wells, Teacher; Henry Rowling, Teacher; Alexa Fletcher, Student; Ruhaan Dhir, Student.

### 4:02 PM — Call to Order

Principal Ashley Agans called the meeting to order.

### 4:05 PM — Approval of August Agenda

The Council reviewed the August meeting agenda.
**Motion:** Diana Leonard | **Second:** Sangeetha Sriganesha | **Vote:** All approved.

### 4:08 PM — Approval of May Meeting Minutes

The Council reviewed the May SGC meeting minutes.
**Motion:** Michael Wells | **Second:** Sangeetha Sriganesha | **Vote:** All approved.

### 4:10 PM — Community Member Appointment

Don Friedman, a local business owner, was presented for appointment as a community member.
**Motion:** Sadaf Ahmed | **Second:** Sangeetha Sriganesha | **Vote:** All approved.

### 4:15 PM — Student SGC Members

The Council welcomed student representatives **Alexa Fletcher and Ruhaan Dhir** and discussed student leadership opportunities, including class and athletic representation.

Members discussed student communication through platforms such as GroupMe and how to include students without cell phones. Principal Agans discussed state restrictions on student cell phone use scheduled for 2027 and the possibility of introducing some expectations this year. School-approved communication channels, including ClassDojo and similar platforms, were also discussed.

## 4:18 PM — Election of SGC Officers

**Chair — Sadaf Ahmed.** The Chair will work with school leadership to establish agendas approximately two weeks before meetings. **Motion:** Michael Wells | **Vote:** All approved.

**Vice Chair — Michael Wells.**

**Parliamentarian — Diana Leonard. Motion:** Sangeetha Sriganesha | **Second:** Sadaf Ahmed | **Vote:** Approved.

## 4:25 PM — Standing Committees

**Principal Selection Committee:** Sadaf Ahmed, Don Friedman, Michael Wells, Diana Leonard. The committee would participate should a principal vacancy arise. The Zone Superintendent retains authority regarding the selection process and may appoint a principal outside this process.

**Budget and Finance Committee:** Sarah Smith (Chair), Diana Leonard, Alexa Fletcher, Cory Kelley. The Council discussed its approximately **$40,000 SGC budget** and working with Principal Agans on budget priorities.

**Outreach and Communications Committee:** Michael Wells, Don Friedman, Sangeetha Sriganesha, Alexa Fletcher, Ruhaan Dhir, Sadaf Ahmed. Ideas included an SGC hallway bulletin board, communicating teacher grants and professional development opportunities, and coordinating with new social media staff member **Ms. Keys**.

## 4:35 PM — Superintendent’s Advisory Councils

**Paula Havard** will represent Cambridge at the Superintendent’s Parent/Community Advisory Council meetings. The Council discussed opportunities for calls and Q&A sessions with **Dr. Looney or other district leaders**.

The Superintendent’s Student Council was also discussed; approximately six students participate through Teams meetings and/or periodic in-person meetings.

## 4:40 PM — 2026–2027 SGC Meeting Schedule

The Council discussed generally meeting on the **third Thursday of the month at 4:00 PM**. Principal Agans will review the calendar and distribute the finalized schedule.

Dates discussed: **Friday, October 9 at 10:00 AM; Wednesday, November 4; December 11; March 11; and May 20.** The Council typically does not meet in December, so the December date requires confirmation.

At least **five voting members** are required for a quorum.

## 4:50 PM — Principal's Update: Enrollment, Staffing & Budget

Cambridge is above enrollment projections by enough to earn approximately **one-half additional teaching allocation**, which the school plans to use to hire an **instructional paraprofessional**. Smaller class sizes are anticipated.

The Council discussed the first 10-day student seat count and an approximate cost of **$187 per virtual student**.

Principal Agans noted a **March 1 budget-setting timeline**. The school may carry over approximately **5% of applicable funds**, while **SGC budget funds do not carry over**.

## 4:55 PM — Strategic Plan, Instruction & Attendance

The new strategic plan will emphasize **instruction and attendance**. Instructional priorities include data teams working with teachers to drive instruction and Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) developing common instructional approaches, reviews, and assessments.

Cambridge received a **4.75 climate score**, with attendance accounting for the 0.25-point reduction from a potential perfect score. Current enrollment is approximately **1,648 students**.

A new attendance process allows information to be submitted through a form by **8:30 AM**, reducing attendance-related emails. Students may provide an attendance note the following day when necessary.

## 5:00 PM — Skills of a Graduate & Academic Programming

The Council discussed developing a **"Skills of a Graduate"** profile to reinforce practical college, career, and life skills throughout all four years at Cambridge. Examples included resume writing, professional communication, appropriate eye contact, and college/career readiness.

Principal Agans would like community members and business leaders involved in identifying skills graduates need for success. The goal is to have the profile more fully formulated by **spring 2027**.

Alexa Fletcher asked about **International Baccalaureate (IB)** programming. Principal Agans explained that Cambridge would need to formally apply and that adding IB could reduce the number of AP courses offered. Cambridge currently offers approximately **26 AP courses**. **COSA (Change of School Assignment)** was also briefly discussed.

## 5:05 PM — Meeting Norms, SGC Priorities & Next Meeting

Existing meeting norms will remain, including being punctual and prepared, silencing phones, respecting differing opinions, and keeping discussions focused on the **good of all students**.

Students were asked to consider what support they need from the SGC, while teachers will be encouraged to identify useful resources, including possible **teacher grants and professional development support**. SGC funds **cannot be used for food or gift cards**. Members will bring ideas for use of SGC funds to the next meeting.

The school continues to work through matters related to the **school mascot**. Principal Agans recommended focusing on **one or two major schoolwide themes**, with the strategic plan centered particularly on instruction and attendance.

## 5:10 PM — Meeting Adjourned

**Motion:** Sarah Smith | **Second:** Sadaf Ahmed | **Vote:** All approved.