

CAMBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

School Governance Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 5, 2026

Scheduled Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Cambridge High School, Room 2428

Members in Attendance

Ashley Agans (Principal); Devra Gerber (Parent); Sadaf Ahmed (Parent); Laury Rush (Community Member); Paula Havard (Community Member); Amelia Hess (Student); Cory Kelley (Appointed Staff); Renee Westlake (Appointed Staff); Jeremy Fulk (Teacher and Chair).

4:07 PM Call to Order

Mr. Fulk, Chair, called the meeting to order.

4:08 PM Approval of March Agenda

The Council considered approval of the March meeting agenda.

Motion: Renee Westlake | **Second:** Paula Havard

Vote: All in favor. The March agenda was approved unanimously.

4:08 PM Approval of January Meeting Minutes

The Council considered approval of the January 15, 2026, meeting minutes.

Motion: Laury Rush | **Second:** Sadaf Ahmed

Vote: All in favor. The January 15, 2026, meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

4:09 PM Discussion Item: Budget

Ms. Agans reviewed the proposed school budget and its alignment with the six points of the strategic plan. Priorities included protecting teaching positions, maintaining safety, and minimizing class sizes to support classroom innovation.

Ms. Agans reported that the budget had decreased from approximately \$18 million to \$17 million and was balanced. She noted that 62% of the budget goes toward salaries and that instructional and custodial supplies must be covered within the remaining 3% discussed during the presentation.

The school lost three special education positions: two IRR positions and one CBI position. Ms. Agans explained that special education funding is allocated separately through federal funds. General education classes require a minimum enrollment of 15 students.

Ms. Agans reviewed \$380,000 in flexible funds and reported that she had used funds to purchase four teaching positions, prioritizing lower class sizes. Maximizing TAG funding with Flores and Myers helped cushion potential losses. Very low class sizes are anticipated for the next school year.

The discussion also addressed declining enrollment in business classes and the support needs of more than 300 students with federally regulated Section 504 plans.

Ms. Agans described constraints on funding basic teacher supplies, including pens, sticky notes, and paper, and indicated that SGC support would be needed for the 2026–2027 school year. A possible Teams meeting on July 3 was discussed to review teacher supply needs once the budget becomes available. Alpharetta High School's 60% reduction in instructional costs was cited as a comparison.

Following Council approval, Ms. Agans will submit the budget to Budget Services. The budget takes effect in July. Ms. Agans also reported 80 COSA sign-ups and nine declines.

4:35 PM Action Item: Budget Approval

The Council considered approval of the budget presented by Ms. Agans.

Motion: Laury Rush | **Second:** Devra Gerber

Vote: All in favor. The budget was approved unanimously.

4:40 PM Discussion Item: Teacher Mini Grants and Additional Funding

Ms. Agans led a discussion of teacher mini-grant requests and the selection of requests to fund.

5:07 PM Action Item: Teacher Mini Grants and Additional Funding

The Council considered funding for teacher mini grants, \$3,100 for the mascot, and \$1,000 for attendance incentives.

Motion: Mr. Fulk | **Second:** Laury Rush

Vote: All in favor. Teacher mini-grant funding, mascot funding, and attendance incentive funding were approved unanimously.

5:10 PM Spring Cross Council Representation

The Council selected Mr. Fulk and Ms. Laury Rush to represent Cambridge High School at the Spring Cross Council event on March 19, 2026.

5:15 PM Principal Update

No formal principal update was presented. The Council discussed teacher appreciation plans and procedures following a hard lockdown.

In response to Ms. Rush's question, the following teacher appreciation activities were outlined:

- Monday: Bundt cake.
- Tuesday: PTSA lunch.
- Wednesday: Lunch provided by yearbook sponsors.
- Thursday: Mazzy's lunch coordinated through sports.
- Friday: FFA breakfast.

Ms. Gerber asked about the recent hard lockdown and the process for reviewing what occurred, what worked, and what could be improved. Ms. Agans described a faculty debrief and feedback from multiple sources. She emphasized clear communication, consistent implementation of safety procedures, use of staff badge alerts, and responding to unidentified individuals in the building. She also noted that a soft lockdown had been announced over the intercom.

5:23 PM Student Update

Amelia Hess reported plans, discussed with Kahlia, to establish alumni engagement on the school website. The students will create an alumni engagement form and a separate college outreach form.

5:25 PM Parent Update

No update was provided.

5:27 PM Staff Update

No update was provided.

5:30 PM Adjournment

The Council considered a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Devra Gerber | **Second:** Laury Rush

Vote: All in favor. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.