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Findley Oaks Elementary School

School: Findley Oaks Elementary School
Date: October 21, 2026
Time: 7:10 AM
Location: A145

SGC Members:
Camille Christopher (Principal), Tariq Adwan (Elected Parent), Kimberly Burnett (Elected Teacher), George DeVries (Elected Parent), Ady Germanguz (Appointed Community Member), Ellen Jones (Appointed Community Member), Amy Magaro (Appointed Employee), Ariel Robins (Elected Teacher), Camy Smith (Elected Parent), Sharon Whitehead (Appointed Employee)

Guests:
Ashley Elam (intern), Katie Lawson (Facilitator – FCS School Governance & Flexibility)

7:14AM Call to Order *(Magaro)*

7:14AM Action Item: Approve Agenda *(Magaro)*
- Motioned by Ms. Germanguz, seconded by Mr. DeVries
- All approved

7:15AM Action Item: Approve September Minutes *(Magaro)*
- Motioned by Mr. DeVries, seconded by Ms. Germanguz
- All approved

7:15 AM Discussion Item: SY26-27 Council Initiatives* *(All Members)*
- Ms. Christopher reviewed that last year we spent much of our charter dollars on our council's initiatives such as Literacy Night, author visit, CARE shirts, and silent disco
- This year we spent most of our charter dollars on staffing after the cuts we received from SEAT changes. We currently have a balance of $3,107.52.
- One of the most successful initiatives last year that the council would like to bring back is the Silent Disco party as an end-of-year PBIS celebration. It was very well received by students and

staff alike. Ms. Robins got a quote for a rental of the equipment, but has not yet received a quote from the vendor for an outright purchase of a set of equipment. She will reach back out and follow up.

- We are also looking at ordering more CARE shirts for the school store, specifically in sizes YM and YS, which were the top sellers. Most items in the school store (aka "CARE Corner") are "experiences" and not tangible items, but the CARE shirts have been popular.

7:20 AM Discussion Item: Review SGC Website for Compliance** *(All Members)*

- The council added November 18 and March 17 as dates for public comment meetings

7:25 AM Discussion Item: Debrief Fall Cross-Council Meeting *(All Members)*

- Ms. Christopher attended the Cross-Council meeting last week to represent our school's SGC.
- Much of the discussion centered on upcoming updates to the district's Strategic Plan, specifically the timeline. Ms. Lawson also shared some insights from the district perspective.
- Instead of being released at the beginning of the year, having councils create their goals in the beginning of the year and starting the work toward accomplishing those goals later in the school year, the new plan will be released in the Spring.
- Councils will set their goals by the end of the year, so that they can start working on them right away at the beginning of the next school year.
- Ms. Christopher summarized the small group discussion she had with representatives from various other schools' councils, which were all great initiatives and aimed at each school's specific and unique needs.
- Another topic of discussion at the cross-council meeting was how to share and communicate the good work that the each school's SGC is doing.
    - Ms. Christopher mentioned highlighting the SGC in the Findley Flyer
    - Ms. Germanguz noted that many sections stay the same each month, so it is easy for parents to gloss over if only a link is provided.
    - The group discussed having a section in the Findley Flyer that summarizes the meetings each month so families can easily access updates
    - Ms. Burnett volunteered to summarize the notes after each meeting to send to Ms. Christopher for placement in the Findley Flyer.

7:35 AM Discussion Item: Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals *(All Members)*

- The council will work on quotes for the silent disco and CARE shirts
- The council will seek quotes for the CARE shirts from additional vendors for comparison, as the prices from the original vendor have increased

7:40 AM Informational Item: Principal's Update *(Christopher)*

- Celebrations
    - Findley Oaks received a travelling trophy as the September winner for district-wide "15 Million Minutes Beanstack Challenge. The trophy is currently on display in the Media Center. Findley Oaks logged the most minutes in our category (Elementary), which Ms. Magaro pointed out is not averaged by student population, just cumulative. As our student population is comparatively smaller to other schools, this makes it all the more impressive for our students!

    - US News and World Report (based on lagging data, likely SY23-24), Findley Oaks ranked #90 in Georgia elementary schools, #17 of all elementary schools in Fulton.
- Upcoming Events
    - COSA (Change of School Assignment) window is currently open through December 18.
    - Wednesday, October 21: Kristin McCabe Community Meeting, 9 am, Taylor Road MS
    - Wednesday, October 21: Superintendent Looney visiting our school for delayed PreK Week read-aloud
    - Thursday, October 22: Picture Retake Day
    - Friday, October 23: Fun Run
    - Week of October 26: Healthy Choices Week (dress up themes each day)
    - Wednesday, October 28: First Responders Day hallway parade
    - Wednesday, October 28: Northview Community Night event
    - Friday, October 30: All Pro Dads
    - Monday, November 2: Post-Fun Run Pep Rally
    - Tuesday, November 3: Election Day/remote learning day for students/teacher workday for staff
    - Wednesday, November 4: PTO Meeting
    - Wednesday, November 11: Veterans Day hallway parade

7:58 AM Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting's Agenda *(All Members)*

7:58 AM Action Item: Meeting Adjournment *(Magaro)*

- Motioned by Mr. DeVries, seconded by Ms. Jones
- All approved