Stargate School

Governance Board Business Meeting

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Date and Time

Tuesday March 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM MDT

Location

All meetings will be virtual unless otherwise noted.

Zoom Info: Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 831 4882 3532

Passcode: eagles

Agenda

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
I.	**Opening Items**			**6:00 PM**
A.	Call the Meeting to Order		Lindsey Paquette	
B.	Roll Call		Lindsey Paquette	1 m
C.	Reading of Stargate Mission		Any Board member	1 m

A volunteer from the Board reads the Stargate Mission:

Stargate School will provide a differentiated program designed specifically to meet the needs of identified intellectually gifted learners in order to challenge each student's

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	academic abilities, support their unique emotional needs, promote individual character development and encourage a life-long love of learning.			
D.	Recognitions and Appreciations	Discuss	ED and/or Board Members	5 m
	Executive Director and/or Board Members may highlight special contributions or achievements of members of our community (students, staff, volunteers). (Optional participation)			

II. Approve Consent Agenda Items
6:07 PM

A. Approve Consent Agenda — Vote — Lindsey Paquette — 1 m

The Consent Agenda contains the routine, generally agreed upon meeting items to be approved with a single vote.

1) Agenda for March 17, 2026 Governance Board Meeting
2) Minutes from the February 24, 2026 Governance Board Meeting

B. Approve Minutes from February 24, 2026 Business Meeting — Approve Minutes

III. School Operations
6:08 PM

A. Executive Director Report — FYI — Robin Greene — 20 m

Including EOS summary

IV. Public Comment
6:28 PM

Public Comments Reminder: The board meeting is structured to allow the Governance Board to conduct its business in a timely manner. Comments may not be immediately addressed but may be considered as future agenda items.

Comments are limited to 3 minutes each, and total time allotted for all public comments will not exceed 45 minutes. Those wishing to speak that do not get the opportunity to do so can submit their comments to governance@stargateschool.org or may attend the next board meeting to do so. Please note that time may not be donated to others and comments are expected to maintain professional courtesy, civility, and respect.

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A.	Public Comment	FYI		15 m

Community members are offered an opportunity to sign up for Public Comment at the beginning of each meeting. Only those who have signed up are permitted to offer comment during this time. The "Public Comment Reminders" are read by a Board Member prior to any comments being heard.

Anyone wishing to speak must sign-in before the public comment portion of the meeting at **this link**.

[Public Comment Sign Up](#)

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B.	Public Comment Response	FYI	Any Board Member	5 m

The Board is given an opportunity, but is not required, to offer a response to any Public Comment.

V.	**Committee Reports**			**6:48 PM**
A.	Written Committee Reports	FYI		

Please post committee goals and signed Handbooks in Committees folder
Monthly reports, if any, from the following committees will be posted here for pre-read. The Board will not spend time discussing these in detail, but may respond to specific questions presented within the report.
1. Elections Committee
2. Finance Committee
3. Fundraising Allocation Committee
4. Recruiting Committee
5. School Accountability Committee

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
B.	SAC Community Survey Results	FYI	School Accountability Committee	30 m

VI.	**Action Items (Discuss and/or Vote)**			**7:18 PM**

Board Member votes will be taken on items requiring Board approval. Most of these items will have been reviewed and discussed during an earlier agenda item, so a motion to approve "as discussed" may be presented immediately, if appropriate.

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
A.	State of the School planning	FYI	Lindsey Paquette	5 m

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The State of the School Presentation is scheduled for April 14, 2026 in person in the Secondary Library. We expect Board members to attend in person if at all possible. It will be immediately followed by our monthly business meeting, also in person.

[2025-2026 State of the School Draft Presentation](#)

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
B.	Recruiting Update	Discuss	Lauren Steele	5 m
C.	Volunteerism	Discuss	Samantha Howorko	10 m
D.	Ongoing Monitoring of Key Board Responsibilities	FYI		

[2025-2026 District Deliverables Per Our Charter](#)
Finance Budget & KPI Updates - See Finance presentations to Board each Aug, Jan, May, & Jun
Executive Director Evaluations - Executive Sessions with ED held each fall, mid-year, and June
[2025-2026 Strategic Plan](#) - Note Board assignments
[2025-2026 Board Liaisons, Committees, & Key Responsibilities](#)
[2025-2026 Board Policy Review Tracker](#)
[2025-2026 Board Member Training](#)

VII.	**Future Planning**			**7:38 PM**
A.	Next Board Meeting Agenda and Board Packet	Discuss	Lindsey Paquette	5 m

Review proposed agenda for next month's meeting in Board On Track and suggest additions or changes.

B.	Next Admin Sync Meeting	Discuss	Lindsey Paquette	1 m

Two (rotating) Board Members are assigned to meet with our Executive Director at a specified time in the interim between Board meetings to maintain regular communication. Meetings are typically scheduled two weeks after each meeting on a Monday morning, if schedules permit.

C.	Upcoming Events	Discuss	All Board Members	

Board Members highlight any upcoming important events requiring our attendance or contribution.

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VIII. **Closing Items** **7:44 PM**

A. Adjourn Meeting   Vote   Lindsey Paquette

Motion and vote to officially adjourn.

Coversheet

Approve Minutes from February 24, 2026 Business Meeting

Section: II. Approve Consent Agenda Items
Item: B. Approve Minutes from February 24, 2026 Business Meeting
Purpose: Approve Minutes
Submitted by:
Related Material: Minutes for Governance Board Business Meeting on February 24, 2026

Stargate School

Minutes

Governance Board Business Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday February 24, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location
All meetings will be virtual unless otherwise noted.
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Passcode: eagles

Directors Present
H. Sonnenahalli (remote), K. Lindgren (remote), L. Challa (remote), L. Paquette (remote), L. Steele (remote), M. Faulkner (remote), S. Howorko (remote)

Directors Absent
None

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned
S. Howorko

Guests Present
M. Anderson (remote), R. Greene (remote)

I. Opening Items

   A.

Call the Meeting to Order

L. Paquette called a meeting of the board of directors of Stargate School to order on Tuesday Feb 24, 2026 at 6:01 PM.

B. Roll Call

C. Reading of Stargate Mission

D. Recognitions and Appreciations

MF - Middle school coaches
SH - Rob G, done a fantastic job at the finance committee meeting talking through the lunch program, etc.
LP - Team who is leading the FB page
RG- HOSA team and Math Counts

II. Approve Consent Agenda Items

A. Approve Consent Agenda

B. Minutes for Special Meeting held January 27, 2026

L. Paquette made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Mtg of Board: New Member Oath & FAC on 01-27-26.
S. Howorko seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Minutes from Governance Board Meeting January 20, 2025

L. Paquette made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Board Business Meeting on 01-20-26.
S. Howorko seconded the motion.
Do we want to do find a new independent director? The Board will discuss during the Spring Election.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Minutes from the Executive Session on January 20, 2025

L. Paquette made a motion to approve the minutes from Executive Session: ED Mid-Year Eval on 01-20-26.
S. Howorko seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. School Operations

A. Admissions & Enrollment Update

KS provides admission and enrollment
MS provides update on marketing efforts

LC - Q re postcard
SH - Printing in house?
SH - data on % of students that are qualified via testing at Stargate vs private testing
KL - data on demographics for students accepted and in the lottery

We may need a list of psychologists for families. How can we make it so families don't think they HAVE to go to these people? Potentially add wording that these are some trusted folks in the community but the list is not exhaustive, and information re Stargate providing the testing as well.

S. Howorko left at 6:47 PM.

B. Executive Director Report

RG reviews her report.

Healthy School meals for All voice over, went through the finances.

Calendar voice over, worked with staff and families to align the days
L. Paquette made a motion to approve Stargates participation in the Healthy meals for all program.
L. Challa seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

B. Public Comment Response

V. Committee Reports

A. Written Committee Reports

B. SAC Update

LB presents KPI Report
TM presents State Assessment Data, and enrollment data

VI. Action Items (Discuss and/or Vote)

A.

2026-2027 and 2027-2028 School Calendars

L. Paquette made a motion to approve 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 School Calendars.
L. Challa seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. **Board Calendar Revision: Approve Spring Election Dates**

LP presents election dates, TT agrees to dates
L. Paquette made a motion to approve Board Calendar Revision: & Spring Election
Dates.
K. Lindgren seconded the motion.
SOTS moves a week earlier
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. **Second Reading of Policy 1.10 Board Orientation Draft Revisions 11.2025**

L. Paquette made a motion to approve Second Reading of Policy 1.10 Board Orientation
Draft Revisions 11.2025.
L. Challa seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. **Board Committee Assignments and Recruiting Committee Vacancy**

How do we want to move forward w vacancies?
- do we want to combine the recruiting and election committees? Keep as is
- LH support this election cycle?
- 1 person on staff does minimal volunteer support
- potential perm position? RG will look into it
- HS offers to work w recruitment to understand the process

Community shares feedback with LP on board roles and board committee roles

E. **State of the School Planning**

Moving a week up, reviewed agenda, in-person w in person board meeting.

LP/LC will lead

F. **Ongoing Monitoring of Key Board Responsibilities**

Reviewed & assigned Board Members
will remain as a standing line item

G. **Identify Board Training Session Topic**

- finance training, RB and LP will work together to plan this

VII. Future Planning

A. Next Board Meeting Agenda and Board Packet

- Topic on volunteerism (working session?)
- Survey Results SAC
- SOTS
- Election

B. Next Admin Sync Meeting

No admin sync

C. Upcoming Events

- CLCS Conference

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Paquette

Coversheet

Executive Director Report

Section: III. School Operations
Item: A. Executive Director Report
Purpose: FYI
Submitted by:
Related Material: ED Report March 2026.pdf

Executive Director
Governance Board of Directors Report

Date: 3/17/2026

Prepared by: Dr. Robin Greene, Executive Director

Student Celebration/Highlight:
- (email from Janociak 3/2) National History Day regional competition
  - Aleks Mitchell and Mason Owen - 1st Place
  - Lucy Herbert - 1st Place
  - Ana McGuire and Onyx Griffeeney - 2nd Place
  - Anna Vladimirova - 3rd Place
  - Joseph Clugston and Gryffin Long Honorable Mention
- (email from Sievers 3/2) Girls Middle School Basketball A-Team undefeated!
- (email from Bassman 3/2) Mathcounts We had 7 top 10 finishers with the top 5 students overall and 11 qualified for the State Competition on Mar 28. Stargate also had the top team
- (email from Howe 3/2) Robotics Five teams were in attendance and our teams finished in style. 32092A Piece by Piece (Excellence Award), 32092F 404: Name Not Found (Design Award), 32092K Diamond Botz (Innovate Award), and 32092G Gear Girlz (Sportsmanship Award) completed a near sweep of the tournament's judged awards.
- HS Robotics competed at state and three teams qualified for World Championships
- (email from Paul Rightmeyer) Iris Li - Iris qualifies for the second round of the USA Junior Math Olympiad. This is basically equivalent to a student getting into the junior olympics for their sport, but her sport is math (and chess). This is highly highly prestigious!
- Science Olympiad - 4 Stargate teams qualify for state; Our middle school team placed 6th overall out of 33 teams, earning an overall team trophy. Our high school team tied for 6th place and finished 7th after the tiebreaker out of 36 teams.
- MS Brain Bowl - Three teams competed, placing 3rd & 12th
- Mock Trial-State Tournament
- Elementary and Middle students at juried art shows

Strategic Work:
- **Shared Decision Making:**
  - **Summary of Salary Working Committee Notes 3/2**

- **Engaged Community**
  - March 16th Family Engagement Presentation at Stargate *Failing Up, How to Build Resilience in Gifted Students*
- **Financial Stability**
  - Anticipating a flat budget for next year, with the exception of the additional positions with Mill Levy funds.
  - Budget still in process
  - EOS- working on an accountability chart and looking at a ticketing system to support purchasing and more.
- **Exceptional Staff**
  - MS Principal interview complete, will announce once the candidate has signed an LOI
  - Building out job descriptions for technology teacher, librarian, IT assistant, and Secondary Gifted Mental Health Specialist
- **Differentiated Learning Environment**
  - Consistent implementation of sprint cycles regarding Kagan strategies

Bond/Construction Update
- Roof is on both secondary structures
- Eagles Landing office being worked on during Spring Break

Coversheet

SAC Community Survey Results

Section: V. Committee Reports
Item: B. SAC Community Survey Results
Purpose: FYI
Submitted by:
Related Material: Parent Survey Year-to-Year Comparison 2023-26 UPDATED.pptx

Stargate Parent Survey

Year-to-Year Comparison

2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26

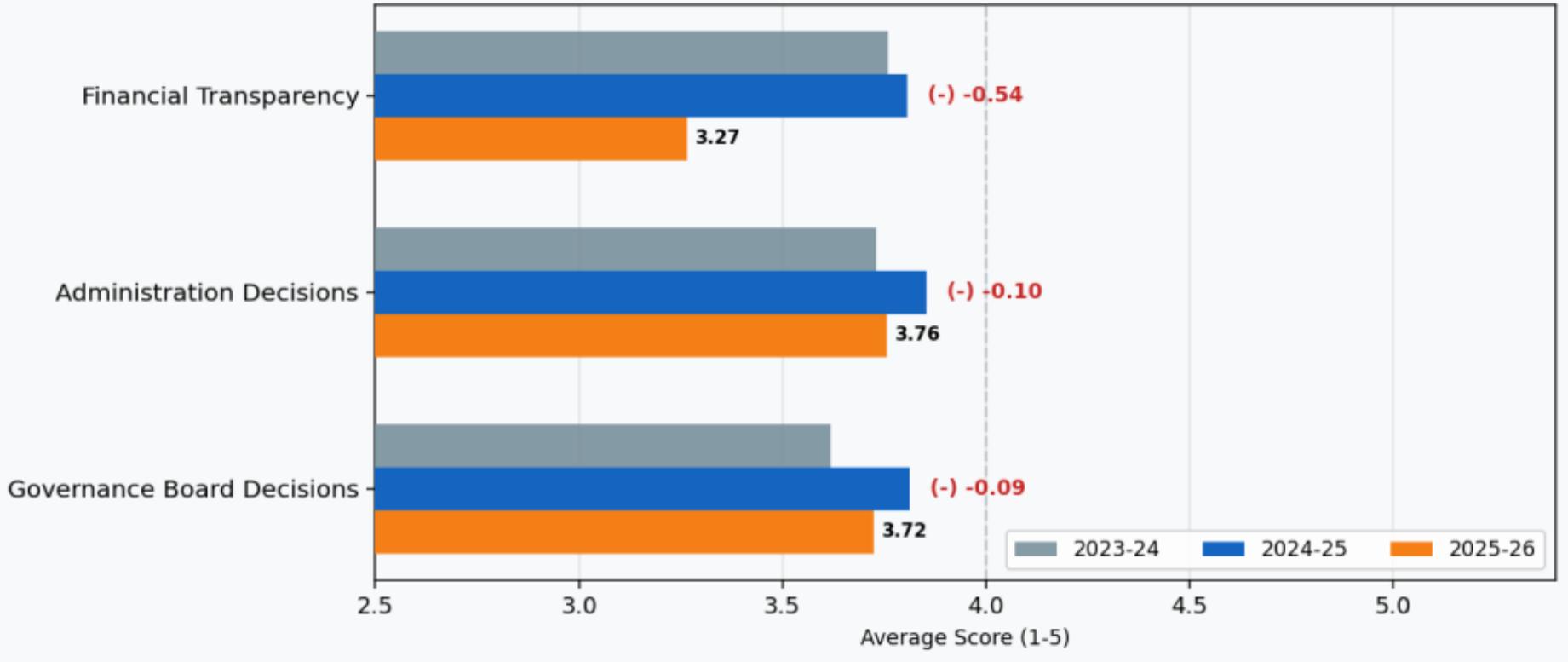*School-wide: 3 years | Grade-level: All 3 years (K-12, from raw survey data)*

407	**444**	**432**	**13**
2025-26	2024-25	2023-24	Grades K-12

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Administration & Governance — 3-Year Trend

Board decisions, administrative direction, and financial communication

Communication & Information — 3-Year Trend

Timely communication, finding policy info, programs/curriculum, and Comm. Pathway
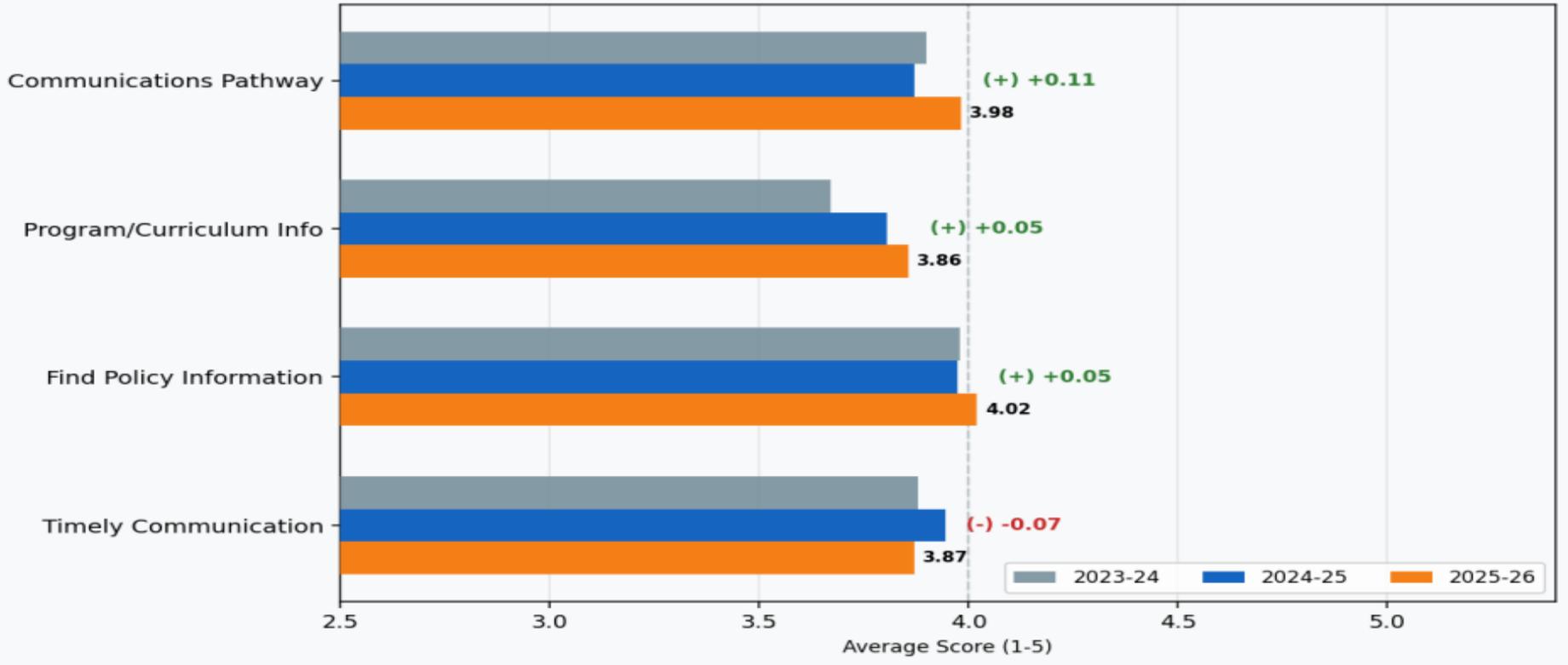
Culture & Safety — 3-Year Trend

Atmosphere of respect, safety & security | 'Steps to Address Findings' removed 2025-26
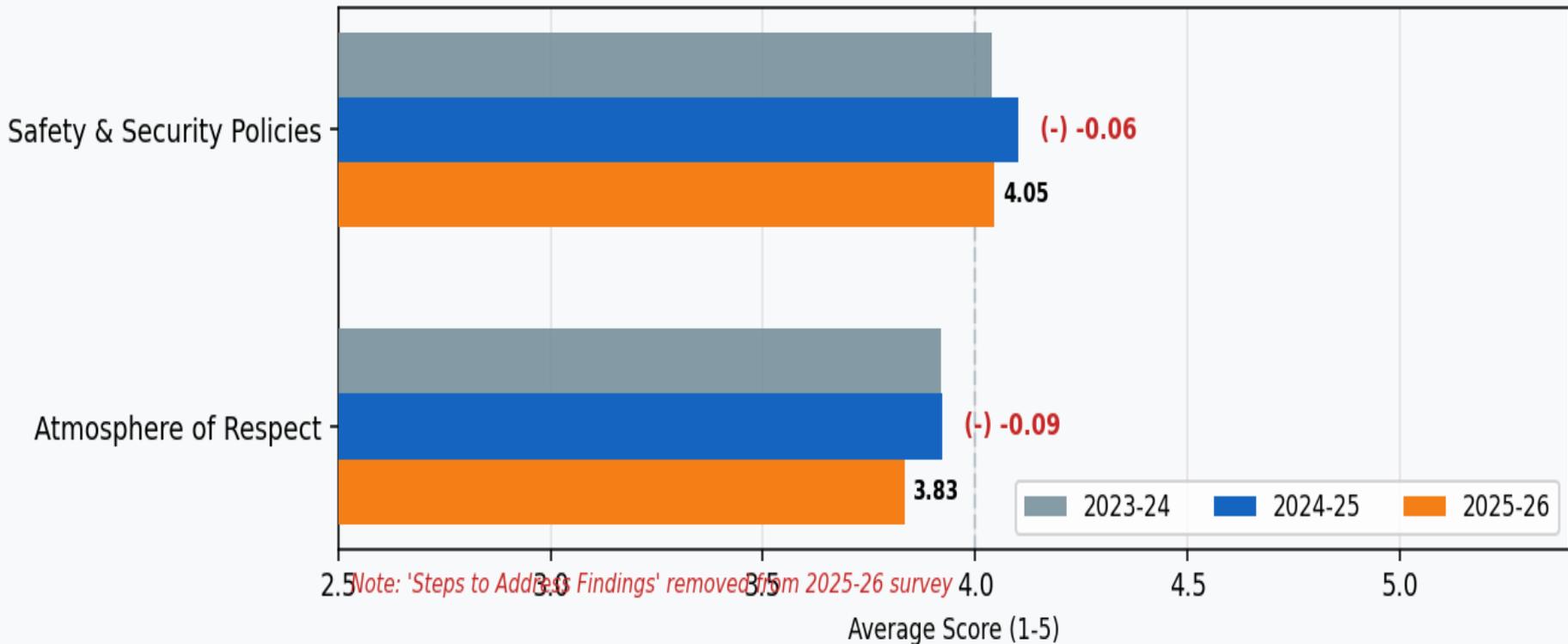
Would Recommend Stargate — 3-Year Trend

Overall satisfaction indicator
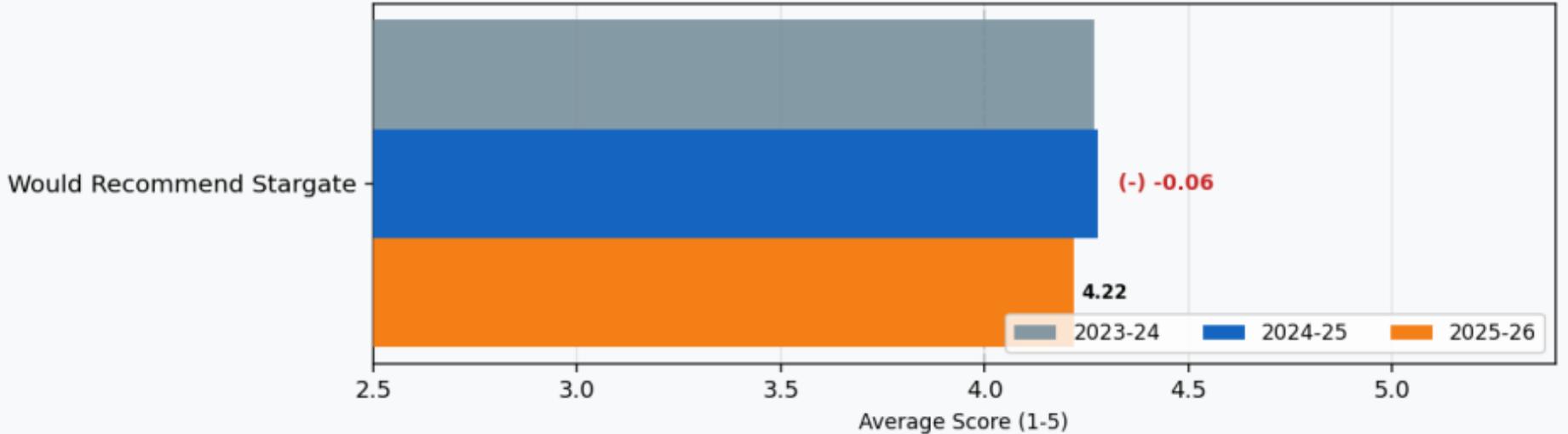
Grade-Level Deep Dive

3-Year Comparison | Grades K-12 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26

Focus: Transitions | Teacher Communication | Engagement & Challenge

Grey=2023-24 | Blue=2024-25 | Gold=2025-26 | Labels = 2025-26 SA+A% | (+)/(-) = change ≥5pp vs 2024-25
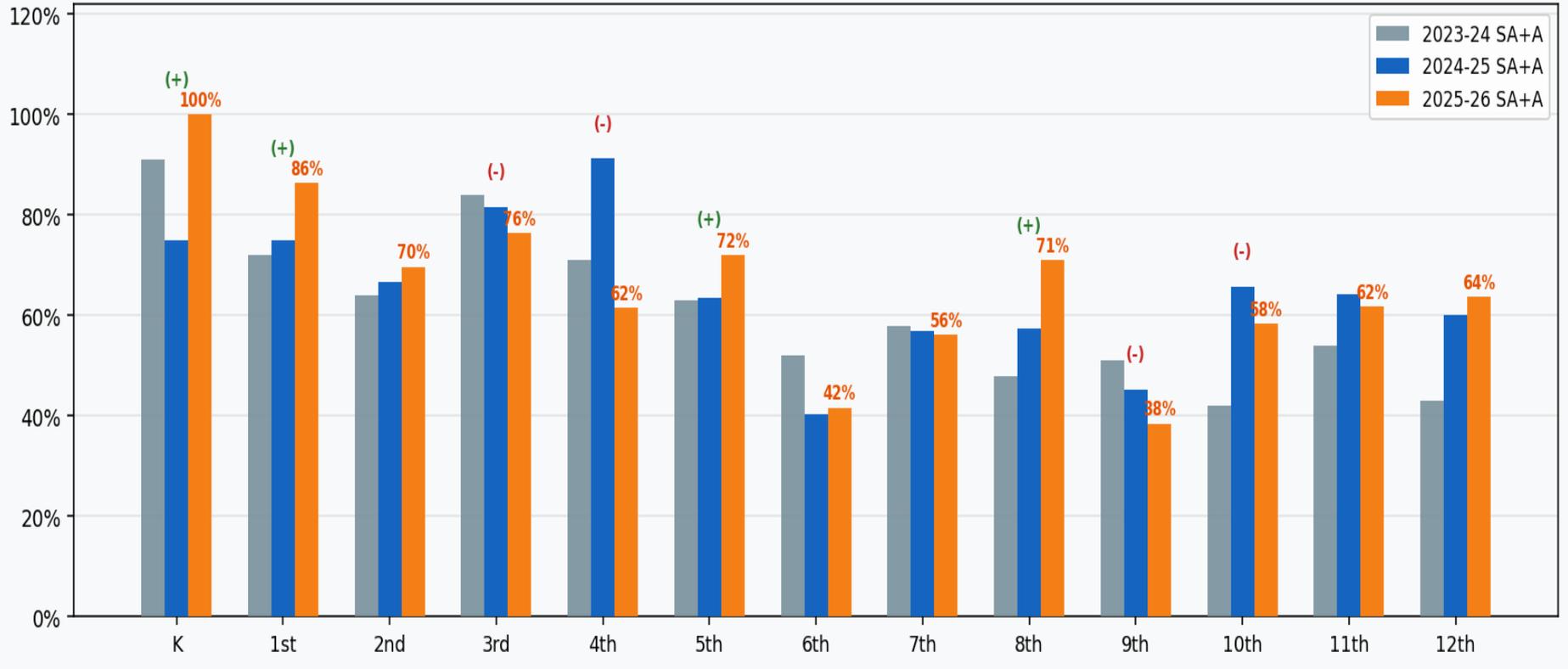
Grade-Level: Transitions — 3-Year Comparison (2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26)

% SA+A: 'Transition between school levels was well-coordinated and positively reinforcing'
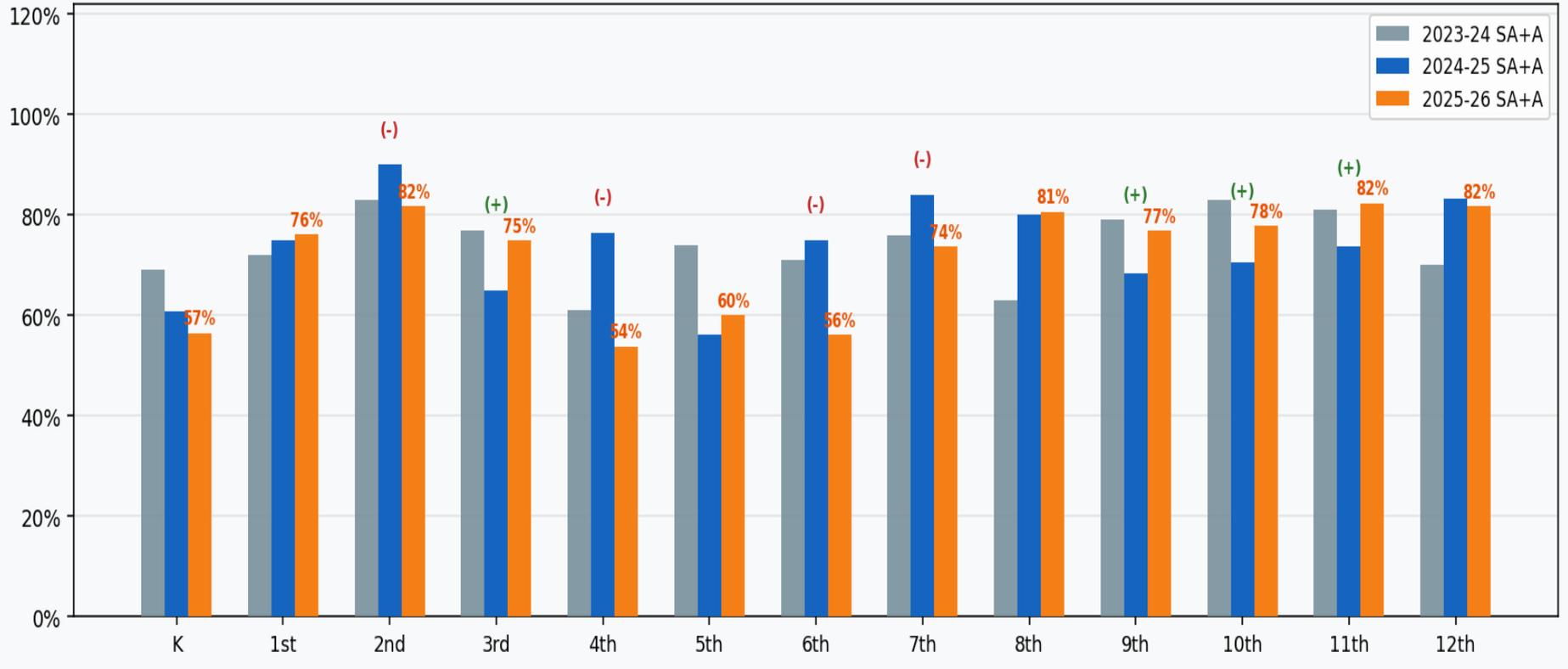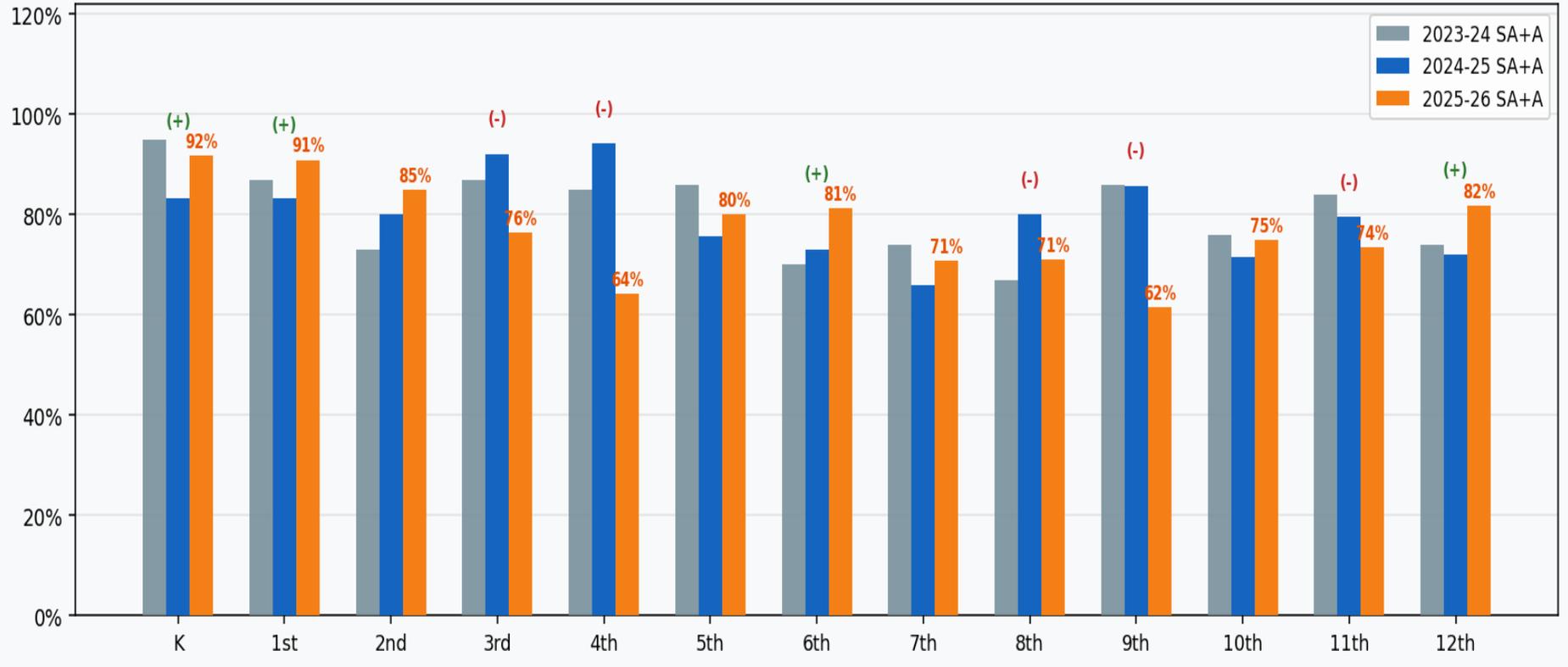
Grade-Level: Teacher Communication — 3-Year Comparison (2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26)

% SA+A: 'Pleased with the level of communication with this child's teachers'

Grade-Level: Engagement & Challenge — 3-Year Comparison (2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26)

% SA+A: 'My child feels engaged and appropriately challenged in the classroom'

Key Takeaways: 2025-26 vs Prior Years

SCHOOL-WIDE — 2025-26 HIGHLIGHTS

Financial Transparency: Sharp drop 3.81 (24-25) → 3.27 (25-26), -0.54 pts — investigate root cause

Find Policy Information: Crossed 4.0 threshold (4.02) — strongest in 3 years

Communications Pathway: Improved to 3.98 — highest in 3 years

Would Recommend Stargate: Stable at 4.22 — continued high parent confidence

GRADE-LEVEL — 2025-26 vs 2024-25 KEY SHIFTS

Transitions: 4th grade dropped to 54% (-22pp vs 24-25); Kindergarten 57% needs attention

Teacher Communication: 9th grade at 38% (-13pp); 6th grade at 42% (-30pp vs 24-25)

Teacher Effectiveness: 9th grade 50% and 10th grade 53% — upper school pattern

Safety: Strong across all grades (67-100%), broadly stable year over year

Coversheet

Recruiting Update

Section: VI. Action Items (Discuss and/or Vote)
Item: B. Recruiting Update
Purpose: Discuss
Submitted by:
Related Material: Recruiting March 2026.pdf.pdf

Monthly Report to the Stargate Governance Board
March

Committee Name:	Recruiting
Members:	Lauren Steele, Lisa Hosfelt
Report Date:	3/16/2026
Meeting Dates:	3/13/2026

Major Accomplishments / Work Completed or In Progress:

Important Information:
- 2 parent director terms
  - one 3-year term
  - one 2-year term
- Nominations open 3/30 through 4/19
- Election period 5/4 through 5/18

Work Completed:
- Items completed:
  - Updated forms and communications.
  - Communications for emails and Facebook will be sent to Stacy
  - Lauren will coordinate website updates with Stacy
  - Nomination form is updated and will be shared via the website, with link in emails and Facebook
  - Yard signs are available to be placed around campus

Requests from the Board:
- Referrals for potential Board members - please send info to Lauren.
- Candidate Forum:
  - Need to schedule on the calendar
  - Need a recommendation for moderator for the Candidate Forum. In the past we have used a SAC member.
  - Do we want to live stream it and record it?
    - Can admin be available to help facilitate this?
    - Do we have a record of how many times past Candidate Forum recordings have been viewed so we can track effectiveness?
- Will Board members be available for a meet and greet before the State of the School? We have usually held it at 5:30.
- The signs for the nomination period and elections are now housed with the school. It may be more appropriate/feasible to have facilities staff manage placement of the signs on school property rather than a volunteer. Who should that be coordinated with (and where are the signs being stored)?
- The nomination period and election period need to be included on the school calendar.