Birmingham Falls Elementary School Governance Council

Friday, 10/4/2024 | 7:15 am – Conference Room

Meeting Norms

Be Respectful of Others' Opinions | Work for the Good of All Students |
Transparency of Communication to all Stake Holders

Time	Item	Owner
7:15 am	**Call to Order:**	Mrs. Drye
7:16 am	**Action Item:** Approve August Agenda Motion to Approve: Ambrose Second: Morris	Mrs. Drye
7:17 am	**Action Item:** Approve September Meeting Minutes Motion to Approve: Whitmer Second: Weaver	Mrs. Drye
7:18 am	**Public Comment:** N/A	All
7:30 am	**Informational Item:** Meet A.J. Calloway and Webb's Words • A.J. Calloway-Welcome! • Webb: 10 Day Count (Lost a 2nd grade position, Ms. Richardson went to another elementary school, Abney moved to 3rd grade).	Mr. Webb
7:35 am	**Informational Item:** PTO Update • Bobcat Bash: 477 tickets sold. Tickets sold at door $10/ticket. • Book Fair: Halloween Week: Monster Theme • Read A thon-November: Fun filled day at school. Reading block. Celebration for the Den that brings in the most	Mrs. Morris

	money at the end of the day. Atkinson and Pound will make announcements at the pep rallies about event. Info sent out in Friday folders/blurbs. Students will get pledges for reading done in school. Prizes are for bringing in money. Positive motivation. Oct 11th – Nov 8th. Display in front of cafeteria with a thermometer. Books for students to write favorite book. (No charity component). • Mother Son Kickball is selling great. (October 25th in afternoon).	
7:40 am	**Action Item:** Review and Approve Strategic Plan • Webb: Strategic Plan pretty much complete. FC wide has 6 goals. Milestones Proficiency: Math Reviewed 23-24 Milestone Math Results. Our goal is to get students into level 3 and level 4. (Reading did really well). • 3rd Grade Math Scores: Dropped a little (first time we switched from being departmentalized). • 5th Grade Math Scores: Huge increase to level four. • 4th Grade Math Scores: 13% jump in level four. Did really well. "crushed it"!!! • $46, 391: Part-time Teacher (BFES covered the rest) • Perception surveys are public Motion to Approve Strategic Plan: Morris All in Favor: 100% Yes	Mr. Webb
8:00 am	**Discussion Item:** BFES Perception Survey Review and Present to Students • Strategic Study with staff, parents, and students. Reviewing data to see what everyone wants, needs, and what we can plan for. Focused more on BFES. See information below. • Students: Morning Announcements and Morning Meetings to discuss Student Perception Survey. • Parents: Send info in newsletter	Mrs. Drye
8:15 am	**Action Item:** Next Meeting Date and Meeting Adjournment • Next Meeting: December 6, 2024 Motion to Adjourn: Ambrose	Mrs. Drye

	Second: Morris	

SGC Members

Mr. Don Webb, Principal | Mrs. Tracy Drye, Parent Representative
Mrs. Jennifer Whitmer, Staff Representative| Mrs. Adrienne Ambrose, Staff Representative
Melissa Morris, Community Member | A.J. Calloway, Parent Appointee
Will Hunter, Parent Representative | Jenny Hillman, Faculty Appointee
Natasha Sanford, Faculty Appointee | Lindsey Weaver, Parent Representative

Officers and Committees

Chair – Tracy Drye
Vice Chair – Melissa Morris
Parliamentarian – Natasha Sanford

Budget/Finance	Outreach/Communication	Principal Selection Committee
Chair: Donald Webb	Chair: Melissa Morris	Tracy Drye
Adrienne Ambrose	Adrienne Ambrose	Jenny Whitmer
Jenny Hillman	Jenny Whitmer	Melissa Morris
Will Hunter	Will Hunter	Jenny Hillman
Lyndsey Weaver	A.J. Calloway	

Student Perception Survey Review:

BFES SGC Student Perception & Needs Study Survey Results 2024:

TOP THINGS BFES STUDENTS LOVE ABOUT OUR SCHOOL:
The People: Teachers & Friends
Recess: variety of playground equipment and games
Art: Ms. Shay, art class itself, want more art class
STEM LAB
Other:
Beanstack app: where students log their reading minutes, earn badges and compare to other students and our school overall

Top CHANGES BFES Students Would make:

Food Choices: Bring Back Salisbury Steak, instead of Jam-wich/Spaghetti
Recess Improvements: Longer, More Equipment basketballs/footballs, more playgrounds, swings (not enough for all to enjoy it)
Class Pets
Den Celebrations: Can each grade be a den?
Bathroom Cleanliness: want bathrooms to be cleaner
Art: More Art Classes & Arts and Crafts

The BFES student WISHES for our school:
Better food- larger portion sizes, more food options
More Recess- volley ball net, baseball/kickball field.
Field Trips- More of them and more interesting Field Trips
STEM LAB- More of them
Class Pets
School Garden: Girls for Greatness Garden Club
COMPUTERS GOING HOME: FCS policy now in place that doesn't allow us to do this anymore
School Hours: FCS mandates the hours for our schools
PE Improvements: Desire for Dodgeball
Music Improvements: More interesting music class
OTHER:
Some want a Father Son Event
BFES SGC Student Perception & Needs Study Survey Results 2024 cont'd
What Makes BFES students feel Safe:
Teachers/Staff and trusted adults
Officer Pannell and **police** presence
Fences (when I'm outside people can't see me, screened gates)
Locks on the door
Milton is safe so we are safe
Alarms on the Doors/Cameras
Cool Gadgets/Centegix
Safety Drills all the different kinds of them
Safety Bag for Recess and **Mrs. Huffman** our Nurse in the Clinic

What would make BFES students feel even SAFER:
Screens in the Back Fences and play pad area like at carpool
Criminal Background checks on visitors
More Cameras/Less Cameras: Explain the Purpose of the Cameras
Police Officers all the time not just once a month

Earthquake drills in addition to our drills
Bus Safety: Quiet, Behavior, Bus Rules, Adults on Buses