



## Shakerag Elementary School Governance Council

**Date / time** 1/08/2025 | 8:00 am | **Location** PLC Conference Room

SGC Website: <https://www.fultonschools.org/domain/7891>

### SGC Members

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| Megan Ames, Community Member (approved)       | Brittany Burnett, Staff (appointed) | Andrexy Campbell, Parent (elected) |
| Craig Cunningham, Community Member (approved) | Mia Fiedler, Parent (elected)       | Christine Lemerond, Principal      |
| Rashi Manaktala, Teacher (elected)            | Mia Mandel, Teacher (appointed)     | VACANT, Parent (elected)           |
| Debbie Wise, Staff (elected)                  |                                     |                                    |

### FY25 Norms:

Be focused on the individual needs of ALL students. ~ Be the voice of ALL stakeholders. ~ Be present and maintain confidentiality. ~ Be goal oriented.

We will now begin our January 8, 2025, meeting of the School Governance Council of Shakerag Elementary School. The Council welcomes and encourages citizens to attend its meetings to become better acquainted with the programs of school and the role of the School Governance Council. This meeting is open to the public but is not a public meeting. Citizens are welcome to attend the meeting but must refrain from interruption or distracting the council proceedings. If there are any questions or information that you have for the council, you may contact one of the council members after this meeting or plan to speak at one of the meetings that reserves time for public comment. You can find the council member contact information, meeting dates, and agenda on the School Governance page of the Shakerag Elementary School website.

| Time   | Item   | Owner          |
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| 8:00am | Action Item: Call to Order<br>Motion to start: Andrexy Campbell<br>Second motion: Megan Ames   | Mrs. Manaktala |
| 8:01am | Action Item: Approve Agenda<br>Motion to approve: Craig Cunningham<br>Second Motion: Megan Ames  | Mrs. Manaktala |
| 8:02am | Action Item: Approve December Meeting Minutes<br>Motion to approve: Debbie Wise<br>Second motion: Brittany Burnett   | Mrs. Manaktala |
| 8:02am | Additional members present:<br>Board Vice President McCabe (District 5)<br>Katie Kinsey - Analyst • School Governance & Flexibility<br><br>Mrs. Lemerond welcomed Vice President Kristin McCabe<br>Vice President McCabe shared about declining enrolment and its impact on Fulton County Schools and possible school closures.<br>Vice President McCabe discussed MTSS position ( <b>Multi-Tiered System of Supports</b> ) and explained that this position will now be allotted for FC schools in the 2025-2026 budget.<br>Mrs. Lemerond addressed allotment issues and said she should have the budget by mid-February and that it will be approved by late February.<br>Media Paraprofessional position has been eliminated<br>Mrs. Lemerond is working on a plan.<br>This will be addressed further once Mrs. Lemerond gets her budget. | Mrs. Lemerond  |
| 8:09am | Information Item: Principal's Update<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parent Vacancy – Will add to teacher newsletters</li><li>• Staffing Updates<br/>Shakerag lost 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher<br/>5<sup>th</sup> grade transitioned kids, and they collapsed from five classes to four classes</li></ul>  | Mrs. Lemerond  |

New clinic assistant started yesterday  
 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, an unexpected leave occurred  
 Shakerag will be communicating long term plans soon.  
 Once a plan is in place, it will be communicated.

- The 5th Grade Sandwich Project will be held on 1/28/2025 at 2:45 -after school  
 This year, The Sandwich Project will add to its program,  
 Prior to making sandwiches, a representative will speak to students about their organization.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Strong4Life visit for students will be in January  
 Students/Staff will get T-shirts  
 Strong4Life will be emphasizing healthy habits  
 Won't be an assembly, they will support students in gym and cafeteria  
 Mrs. Lemerond is working on getting them to do a workshop with parents on social media  
 Date has not been confirmed (looking at January)
- Teacher Appreciation Week will be held the week of February 10<sup>th</sup>, to coincide with Valentine's Day
- School Dance – February 21<sup>st</sup>

8:19am Information Item: Strategic Monitoring\*\*(Cont. from Dec.) & CCRPI Mrs. Lemerond  
 Mrs. Lemerond went over MOY iREADY and CCRPI data

8:44am Discussion Item: Committee Meetings\* Mrs. Manaktala

- Outreach – Upcoming Elections\*\*\*  
 Outreach goal: encourage people to get involved  
 Committee members should try and start talking to people and see if we can have people declare
  - Declaration Period: 2/3/25 – 3/28/25
  - Elected positions open: 2- Parent/ 1- Teacher
- Budget\*\*\*\* – Update on School Allotment Guidelines (Lemerond)  
 See above minutes

8:30am Community Event: Gladiators Game – March 14 – 7:30pm Mrs. Lemerond  
 Gladiators have done school spirit nights, but first time they will be doing cluster initiatives  
 This has become a community event  
 It will serve as an individual fundraiser for each school  
 Theme will be Hero Night  
 They will let children do slapshots on ice after the game  
 We will start promoting it once we get flyers

February 4<sup>th</sup> chorus cluster at John's Creek Baptist Church, but not confirmed  
 We did not do chorus this year at Shakerag, but 5<sup>th</sup> graders will have a chance to join the event.

8:49am Information Item: Superintendent Advisory Council Update Mr. Cunningham  
 Mr. Cunningham will be meeting with Martin Northview principal to plan  
 March 26<sup>th</sup> basketball cluster event  
 Mr. Cunningham will recommend that we have a contact at each school  
 Mrs. Lemerond suggested contact person be SGC member, and that a sub-committee

is created with one main contact person

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| 8:50am | Discussion Item: SY24-25 Council Initiatives   | Mrs. Burnett/Mandel |
|        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Flag Day</li></ul> Parent form: Done, just have to update<br>Teacher 1 pager for directions: Ms. Mandel<br>Mrs. Lemerond will present to the PTO tomorrow<br>We will try to do morning assembly as a kickoff<br>Mrs. Manaktala will present it to staff as whole February 11 <sup>th</sup> at staff meeting<br>Next step, once introduced to PTO, we will plan what does this look like? |                     |
| 9:05am | Discussion Item: Set Next Meeting Agenda (2/26/25 @ 8:00am)  | Mrs. Manaktala      |
|        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Budget Approval</li><li>Budget committee will meet prior 7:45</li><li>Rashi will be the new chair</li></ul>  |                     |
| 9:00am | Action Item: Meeting Adjournment<br>Motion to adjourn: Debbie Wise<br>Second motion: Megan Ames  | Mrs. Manaktala      |

## Notes from the Governance and Flexibility Team

### \*Committee Meetings

- Outreach & Communication Committees should plan to meet in January to start planning for the Spring Parent & Teacher Elections. Budget & Finance Committees should plan to meet in February to prepare for the council's annual budget approval.

### \*\*Strategic Monitoring (December)

- December:** Cabinet and Board of Education will be approving plans. School will receive notification when all plans have been approved.
- Ongoing:** Councils should develop a plan to share their Strategic Action Plans with the school community and communicate the school's goals and progress.
- Initial Monitoring:** Councils should identify one or two key actions or tasks to prioritize for direct engagement throughout the school year. Additionally, please be prepared to provide initial progress updates on these selected areas.

### \*\*\*SGC Elections

- The declaration period for parents and teachers interested in serving on their local SGCs will run from **February 3<sup>rd</sup> to March 28<sup>th</sup>**. Click [here](#) to check how many council seats your school has open for these positions in this year's election cycle.

### \*\*\*\*Annual Budget Approval

- FY26 Budget development begins on February 10<sup>th</sup> and will **conclude on February 28<sup>th</sup> (Elementary Schools) and March 7<sup>th</sup> (Middle & High Schools)**. SGCs should schedule their February and March meetings prior to their budget closure date to ensure the council has time to discuss and approve FY26 fiscal allocations.  
***All Dates are Subject to Change***