

Southeast Bulloch Middle School
School Council Meeting Agenda
March 26, 2025

Vision: SEBMS is a **supportive** learning environment where respect is shown, strong **relationships** are built, and **successful** students are developed.

Mission: The mission of SEBMS is to **inspire** and **empower** students to thrive academically and socially through a **positive** learning community based on **respectful relationships**.

Motto: "SEBMS - A Place of Possibility"

Call to Order 9:05 by Oliver Seconded by Poole

Reading and Adoption of Minutes from 12/12/24 Meeting- Minutes read by Henry,

Adopted by: Poole Seconded by: Mackelprang

Attendance

Present: Dr. Veland, Mr. Oliver, Mrs. Mackelprang, Mr. Poole, Mrs. Cowart, Ms. Henry

Absent: Hal Wilson, Adrian Peterson, Mrs. Everett

Other Guests: Ms. Oglesby, Mrs. Hodges, Ms. Ashley

Data Review/ School Improvement Plan

- GMAS
 - goal to move more students from 3s (Proficient) to 4s (Distinguished)

- SEBMS Spotlight at the Board Summary
 - Department Chairs shared what they are doing
 - Board impressed with Discipline data
 - Teachers are doing a great job with Visibility and Expectations
 - Expectations talks held throughout the year and after every long break
 - Reminders about Doing Right- Respectul, Responsible, Resilient
 - Attendance

- GMAS Testing
 - First day of testing will be May 5. We will have a schoolwide Simulation Test before the first day of GMAS testing.
 - Extra prep time given due to the weather days
 - updated GMAS testing dates were shared
 - Plan of Action for Challenges this may cause

- iReady Testing
 - 8th grade will take the iReady before GMAS (in April)
 - 6th and 7th Grade will take iReady after GMAS (in May)

What's Been Happening?

- Current Student Enrollment (882)
 - beginning of year enrollment was at 900 but has changed
 - 2 new Mobiles available for next year/overflow.
- Green Dot Challenge-
 - ELA started this last year. This is a rigorous assessment that has now been extended to other subject areas.
 - This testing initiative is used to get students to show growth on standardized testings.
 - Students who meet the challenge will be awarded with an incentive.
- Cancellation of 5th Grade visits this year
 - Due to GMAS testing dates and few calendar dates available in May. SEBMS NewsTeam will create a video to share with 5th graders of 3 feeder Schools and available for any new student to help with comfort. SEBMS will also have a separate 6th Grade Open House. We will continue with 5th grade visits next school term
- SEBMS 2024-2025 Retirees
 - School Nurse- Kelly will be approved at Board Meeting
 - 6th Grade SS teacher- Futch in Dec.
- Art Club field trip
 - 6th Grade- Arts at GSU and Sweetheart Circle, 7th Grade- SCAD, 8th Grade-High Museum in Atlanta
- Fundraiser for Mr. Daniel
 - School Spirit Gear, 100% of profit will be given directly to Mr. Daniel, working on establishing a way to accept cash only donation
- Rising 9th Grade Night
 - Current 8th graders and their families were invited to a Rising 9th graders night at SEBHS on Monday 3/24. For more information reach out to High School Counselors
- Honor's Night
 - We will implement a new roll out this year. Goal is to help with seating, overcrowding, parking, and the Honor's Night overall experience . One hour will be devoted for each grade level instead of combining 7th and 8th grade. 6th grade @5:00, 7th grade @6:00, 8th grade @7:00. We will seek feedback from parents about the new system. Honor's Night will be May 20th.
 - Mackelprang- How is feedback given by parents?

Hodges- Parents typically tell the Connections teachers throughout the night. Connections teachers also provide commentary about what they observe since they help with set up.

Oglesby- Can we host Honor's Night at SEBHS?

Veland- We can look into this... our gym is bigger than their auditorium

Oglesby- thought would be to have it in the gym

- Climate and Morale in SEBMS
 - 6 week stretch from Winter Break to Spring Break, to help with this long stretch, teams are given the opportunity to have lunch off campus. Surprise will be available for staff on 3/27/25. When the weather warms up, people need a break.
- SEBMS Pageant
 - Bailey Brody crowned SEBMS 6th Grade

Hall of Fame

- Honorees honored at SEBMS BOE Spotlight night 1/23/2025
(Mrs. Jannie R. Smith and Mrs. Marie Woodward)
- Display of Plaques
 - Plaques located as you walk in the school. Coach White and Mrs. Hodges created the Educator Hall of Fame display
- Honoree Breakfast (Breakfast was held with Inductees, Faculty and Staff 3/10/25)
 - One piece of advice given: Work hard but have fun at the same time!

Points of Pride

- Heather Gonzales, Art Teacher
 - SEBMS teacher of the year and District Teacher of the Year. She was also very close to winning State Teacher of the year. She has been doing a lot of public speaking at various events. She will also speak at OTC's Graduation.
- Math Award
 - State Superintendent Woods gave SEBMS the Math Distinction Award. The banner is hung in the Commons Area. There are hooks underneath, so you can win multiple years. SS and Science ribbons will be added. There is also an ELA banner. Awards are given based upon GMAS data.
- Nan Rushing Writing Contest

-Writing Competition held on March 15th. SEBMS earned 1st place for every Grade level and also 1st place overall for the School. Several awards were earned by individual students in the various categories.

- Penny Sikes Math Tournament-
 - SEBMS placed first in the Cyphering Round and earned 1st Place Overall as a school. A lot of our students also placed in the top 20 of the Cyphering round.
 - Science Olympiad- Region Runner-Ups, Advanced to state finals which will be held on April 19 in Athens at UGA
(Poole) First year team in competitive format. Our team will compete against 26 other schools.
 - Chorus LGPE (Large Group Performance Evaluation)
 - 7th Grade Choir was supposed to receive comments only, but the Judges accidentally gave them 2 Superior ratings. 8th grade received 2 Superior Ratings and 2 Excellent Ratings. Chorus Concert May 6 @7:00 at SEBHS.
 - Band Six Flags Festival
 - 8th grade band students from across the County came together to compete against other 8th grade bands in the state. Bulloch County's 8th Graders came in 2nd place at the Festival. SEBMS band has also been Invited to attend the Sweet Onion Clinic Band, and the 6th grade band has been invited to attend the GMEA (Georgia Music Educators Association). SEBMS Band Concert May 13 @ 7:00 at SEBHS
- As we get closer to GMAS testing, Band, Chorus, and Student News will be the only organizations allowed to continue to meet during Jacket Time.
- Chess- Competition Chess is competing in the Tattnall Throwdown Tournament, this is a virtual competition against other Middle Schools in the area. One of our students at SEBMS will be competing in the championship round.
 - FFA-
 - 1st place in the State Meats Evaluation and 2nd Place in the Agriculture Technology Equipment Competition. Two of our Middle School Record Books also received Gold Status. *Looking forward to FFA Summer Camp (12 students will attend) and COLT (Chapter Officers Leadership Training). Tide Water Equipment will sponsor 2 students for Camp and Hunter Cattle will offer a Scholarship for students to be able to purchase their FFA jacket.
 - Spring Sports (Soccer, Track, Golf, Flag Football, Baseball- We are having a great season across all sports. SEBMS Varsity Boys soccer defeated South Effingham Middle School and this has not happened in over the past 10 years. Middle School Cheerleading tryouts will take place April 15-18)

-Students at SEBMS are given the opportunity to participate and be involved in a lot. We are working school wide on executive functioning skills. On Mondays, students write weekly assignments and after school activities in their planning during their homeroom class. This helps with task completion and organizational skills.

Other/Looking Ahead:

-Parent Workshop March 28 @8:00

-All parents are invited to attend this session as we share ideas to help families Navigate through Middle School Testing GMAS

- FCA Ghost Pirates Field Trip- was originally scheduled for January but cancelled due to the Snow. This field trip has been rescheduled for April 4.

-The Fine Arts Gala

- Saturday, *May 3* This night will provide a true gala experience as attendees will dress in their best attire to see student Artwork on display, hear entertainment provided by our school's chorus and band and enjoy light refreshments. Art awards will also be given to students.. The Fine Arts Gala night is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Our Teacher Band will also play on this night

-Current Job postings

7th grade math, SPED position SPED Coordinator, 6th Grade Social studies- goal to have positions filled before Spring Break

-Special Olympics- April 4th at Statesboro High School

-SEMBS Relay for Life

-The SEBMS team has done a variety of fundraising activities to raise money for a great cause throughout the year.

-Staff Easter Egg Hunt

Faculty and Staff will meet in the gym afterschool on April 16 to participate in our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The eggs are filled with candy, gift cards, classroom supplies etc all donated by the amazing parents of SEBMS. Adults have fun at this event, great competition.

-Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week will be May 5-9, 2025. PTO is gearing up for a week of fun and treats to show our Faculty and Staff how much they are appreciated.

-Field Day

will be May 21st during Connections. Students must have fewer than 3 demerits from March 17, 2025- May 21, 2025 and no major disciplinary issues during this timeframe in order to participate *Other academic and behavior incentive Celebrations will occur throughout the last week of school such as Green Dot Challenge, iReady Growth Celebration

-School Council

Our Last Meeting for this school term will be May 27, 2025 - we will wrap up the year in review. School Council interest email for 2025-2026 school term will be emailed to all families and faculty & staff late August/early September 2025.

-Open Floor Discussion: Community Concerns

(Oliver) Great Feedback from Community about Educator Hall of Fame. A Retired Educator described it as "Classy....."

(Mackelprang) Teacher feedback posters in front office are amazing

(Oliver) 8th graders were very well behaved at Rising 9th Grade Night. Parents are pleased with how SEBMS and SEBHS works together to ensure 8th graders are prepared for SEBHS.

(Veland)- Vertical planning has happened with SEBHS 9th grade teachers in ELA (writing portfolios were created to help with writing). Vertical planning in Math is also in the works.

(Oliver) Highly suggested to continue with the Vertical planning to make the transition to SEBHS easier.

(Mackelprang) Is there a collaboration with SEBHS and Colleges?

(Coward) SEBHS collaborates with colleges through Dual Enrollment (OTC/GSU). CTAE information was also shared.

(Oliver) A lot of positive feedback about the opportunities available for students here at SEBMS.

(Ashley) GSU Dual Enrollment does come to SEBHS to help with scheduling and advisement. Parents are allowed to attend those meetings.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned by Poole 9:40

Seconded by Mackelprang