# MEETING MINUTES

## School Governance Council

*Date* | *time* 04/15/2025| 7:00 am| *Location* Room 106

## SGC Member Attendance

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| Andrew Stein, Principal | ✓ | Brandy Hogan, Staff Member | |
| Kelly Morgan, Chair, Teacher | ✓ | Cynthia Hodge, Parliamentarian, Parent | ✓ |
| Sarah Fetz, Parent | ✓ | Sherman Neal, Parent | ✓ |
| Carrie Halron, Staff Member | ✓ | Cynthia Bradley, Teacher | ✓ |
| Ji Han, Community Member | ✓ | Jun Park, Community Member | ✓ |

*Special Guests: Katie Kinsey, SGC Facilitator*

## Agenda Items

1. Action Item: Approve April 15, 2025Agenda
2. Action Item: Approve March 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes (with minor edits)
3. Informational Item: Superintendent Advisory Council Update
4. Discussion Item: SGC Parent/Teacher Elections Update
5. Discussion Item: Spring 2025 Strategic Plan Retreat Debrief
6. Informational Item: Principal's Update
7. Discussion Item: Complete Council Surveys
8. Action Item: Meeting Adjournment

## Meeting Minutes

**Action Items**

| Motion | Time | By Whom | Second By | Voting Results |
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| Meeting called to order at | 7:04 am | Kelly Morgan | | |
| Motion to Approve April 15, 2025 Agenda | 7:04 am | Cynthia Hodge | Jun Park | Unanimously |

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| Motion to Approve March 5, 2025 meeting minutes (with minor edits) | 7:06 am | Sarah Fetz | Ji Han | Unanimously |
| Meeting Adjournment | 7:43 am | Carrie Halron | Ji Han | Unanimously |

1. Action Item: Approve April 15, 2025 Agenda
    - Approved
2. Action Item: Approve March 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes
    - Approved with minor scrivener error edits
3. Informational Item: Superintendent Advisory Council update (Cynthia Hodge, 7:11 am)
    - Council Meeting from March 26, 2025
    - Q&A with Superintendent Looney included the following updates:
        i. Bill banning phones in K-8 has passed in legislature (GA)
        ii. Senior exemption bill RE: property taxes (HB 776 and 777) is moving forward to the Senate (passed in House) but this law would mean less money to the district overall (including education), so tightening of the belt is needed. This means that SGC charter dollars will be cut to $30K in the future (2026). This would require a local referendum being voted on in November 2025 --- but it is likely to pass since many voters who come out are seniors. This would mean $51 million loss to the district.
        iii. 98% staffing achieved so far (as of the date of the meeting) -good news
            1. Some exceptions – special education teachers and police officers
        iv. Question about algebra teachers in middle school – Hollinhead (HR) is processing the surplus from the middle and high school and may anticipate re-strategizing teachers for that course.
        v. The next few years are going to be very tough from a budgetary perspective. Fulton does 5 year budget projections. We may be in a deficit by the 5th year.
        vi. No update on the currently filed complaints to the US DOE – filed by Palestinians and by the Jewish community.
4. Discussion Item: SGC Parent/Teacher Elections Update
    - 1 parent position open and 2 candidates running
    - 1 teacher position open and 3 candidates running

- Respective parties will be sent text and email updates to remind parties to cast their votes before April 23, 2025
- Voting period open from April 16- April 23, 2025

5. Discussion Item: Spring 2025 Strategic Plan Retreat Debrief Combined with Informational Item: Principal's Update (Principal Stein, 7:20 am)
    - Principal Stein had the opportunity to talk with other SGC members and hear their strategic plans. The vast majority had pretty similar metrics within their strategic plans. At Dolvin, our SGC uses charter dollars for a position. Some schools purchase safety items. Some schools buy kits for instruction. Some schools do trainings – reading instruction, professional development, etc.
    - With Principal's budget, Dolvin can still pay for a literacy paraprofessional for the upcoming year.
    - At Dolvin, we are projected losing 2 homeroom (ie- 2 teacher) positions next year. However, we have 2 teachers retiring, so we will not experience any loss. We are level right now as far as teachers go. Our projected enrollment for the 2025-26 school year is right around 600 students, which is down from 650 in the current school year.
    - Consideration for Next Year:
        i. Building kits for tier standards for students to use over the summer to help avoid the "summer slide". These kits would provide support for new literacy standards.
        ii. Teacher grants
        iii. Inviting student leaders to come give a brief presentation to SGC
        iv. SGC Parent Coffee continue into next year (maybe in February or March before candidate declaration windows open)
        v. Regular SGC blurb in the Dolvin Diary
        vi. SGC videos for Curriculum Night and/or candidate nomination.
6. Discussion Item: Complete Council Surveys (7:26am)
    - Kelly Morgan asks members to complete the 2025 SGC Council Self-Assessment and 2025 Principal Feedback Survey (for Principal Stein) before the May 20, 2025 meeting.
    - As a council, we started working on the SY24-25 SGC Reflection Form in our meeting beginning at 7:27 am.
7. Action Item: Meeting Adjournment
    - Approved. Meeting concluded at 7:43 am
    - Next Meeting: May 20, 2025 at 7:00 am at Room 106.

## Meeting Norms