

Members present: Becky Bryant, Gary Morris, Floyd Braid, Sarah Daniell, Brandi Gainor, Beth Norwood, Caroline Womack, Katlyn McBrayer, Emily Keener, Donovan Tate

- Introductions were made and roles were made. Caroline Womack was nominated for president, Katlyn McBrayer was nominated for vice president, and Emily Keener was nominated for secretary. All were in agreement with these nominees.

School Governance Council Update

Meeting times were adjusted from after school to 8:00 a.m. to better accommodate our members, as most are working professionals who need time to serve before heading to their full-time jobs.

Dates for the 2025–2026 School Year:

- September 15, 2025
- October 6, 2025
- November 17, 2025
- January 12, 2026
- February 9, 2026
- March 9, 2026
- April 20, 2026
- May 11, 2026

Highlights from the Meeting:

- **School Governance Resources:** Mrs. Bryant showed members where to find School Governance information, including member names, email addresses, and other resources on the school website.
- **School Improvement Plan:**
 - Goals have remained consistent over the past three years as they are essential for supporting overall student success.
 - Implementation of STORM time (Students Targeting Objectives in Reading & Math) provides an additional block to strengthen literacy and math while closing learning gaps.
 - The second goal focuses on Capturing Kids' Hearts (CKH), with an emphasis on building students' self-worth and leadership skills. Both goals tie directly into PLTs (Professional Learning Teams) as we continue developing as a learning organization.
 - During PLT meetings, teachers are working on literacy and math standards while students engage in CKH lessons, handwriting, typing, and other activities.

- **STEAM Goal:** Mr. Morris shared updates on the STEAM process, which we have been developing over the past three years. Efforts include school visits, mini PBLs, and STEAM journals. This year, we plan to attend the STEAM Conference in Athens and continue collaborating with Cherrie Nix from the state department. Our long-term goal is to achieve state STEAM certification within the next year and a half.
- **Team Structure:** Mrs. Bryant reviewed how the entire school operates in five teams aligned to the School Improvement Plan and TAGS: PLC, MTSS/STORM, Design, CKH/PBIS, and STEAM.
- **Trust-Based Accountability System (TAGS):**
 - Mr. Braid introduced TAGS and explained the shift from a “protectiveness accountability system” to one rooted in trust, reflection, and growth.
 - TAGS is built on 7 pillars and 28 guiding questions, designed to align with our mission, vision, and goals.
 - Staff will rotate through the pillars, using TAGS to reflect on processes, identify needs, and plan next steps. One example discussed was cleanliness as a signaled need for improvement.
- **Budget Planning:** Budget discussions for the next school year will take place in January. Priorities include continued investment in IXL with less emphasis on professional development, as significant resources have already been allocated in that area in recent years.
- **Family Engagement:** Strengthening family-school connections is a key focus. A parent survey will be sent out to gather input on goals and ways we can best support families in helping their children succeed.