CHATTAHOOCHEE HIGH SCHOOL

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School Governance Council Meeting – Minutes
Wednesday, August 13, 2025

SGC Member Attendance	Present?
Deborah Blount (School Employee) – Parliamentarian	☒
Shannon Bontrager (School Employee)	☒
Heather Cross (Teacher)	☒
Chris Federico (Parent)	☒
Cheyne Hardin (Parent)	☒
Solange Leonardo (Teacher)	☒
Amanda Phillips (Community Member)	☒
Madeline Rehberg (Community Member)	☒
Ramya Shivkumar (Parent)	☐
Mike Todd (Principal)	☒
(student)	☐
(student)	☐

Call to Order by Mike Todd at 3:52 pm.

Action Item: Approve Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda as written by Cheyne Hardin, seconded by Shannon Bontrager, all in favor.

Action Item: Approve May Minutes
Motion to approve May minutes by Deborah Blount, seconded by Heather Cross, all in favor.

Discussion Item: Member Introductions
- New members: Chris Federico (parent), Shannon Bontrager (teacher), Heather Cross (teacher), Madeline Rehberg (community member)

Action Item: Approve Appointed Members
- Motion to approve appointed members by Amanda Phillips, seconded by Chris Federico, all in favor.

Principal's Update: Budget change
- Opening of school – transition from MS to HS has been smooth, smooth overall opening
- Student enrollment – 1,718 currently enrolled – projection was 1,723
- District/school funding – ~60% comes from local tax base, ~30% comes from state, ~10% comes from federal; on the ballot again in November is the Senior homestead tax exemption which is about $50 million the district doesn't receive, so the district may have to dip into reserve funds
- SGC funds – all schools approved for $30,000 – next meeting, we'll vote on projects to fund
- District policy changes – biggest change is re: cell phones/personal devices; hurdles to work around include students needing to use their phone cameras to scan their

assignments in order to upload to Canvas – successful options include extending the turn-in deadline to 11:59 pm for students to upload after they get home from school, obtaining document cameras for classrooms, etc.
- Strategic planning – reviewed strategic plan and details behind each category – metrics are: Overall Milestones Proficiency, ISS & OSS total days assigned, ESOL Proficiency in ELA, Employee Retention, Charter Dollars, and Student Attendance

Action Item: Elect New Officers
- Motion to approve new officers by Heather Cross, seconded by Cheyne Hardin, all in favor. New officers are Chris Federico (Chair), Solange Leonardo (Vice Chair), and Deborah Blount (Parliamentarian).

Action Item: Staff Standing Committees (Budget and Finance, Outreach and Communication, Principal Selection)
- Motion to approve staff standing committees as discussed (see below) by Heather Cross, seconded by Solange Leonardo, all in favor.

Discussion Item: Select Superintendent Advisory Representative
- Madeline Rehberg to serve as the Superintendent's Advisory Representative

Discussion Item: Determine Meeting Schedule for SY 2025-2026
- Proposed: September 17th, October 8th, November 19th, January 14th, February 18th, March 11th, April 15th

Open Discussion Items:
- Will introduce our student members (President and Vice President of student government) at September 2025 meeting

Action Item: Meeting Adjournment at 4:38 pm
Motion to adjourn the meeting by Deborah Blount, seconded by Heather Cross, all in favor.

Budget & Finance Committee (Budget, Grant Opportunities, Fundraisers etc.)

	Name
Committee Chair	Chris Federico
SGC Member	Deborah Blount
SGC Member	Shannon Bontrager
SGC Member	Madeline Rehberg

Communication & Outreach Committee (Elections, Community Partnerships, School Events etc.)

	Name
Committee Chair	Solange Leonardo
SGC Member	Heather Cross
SGC Member	Amanda Phillips
SGC Member	Cheyne Hardin

Principal Selection Committee (Does not meet unless there is a vacancy) Should include at least 1 Staff Member/Employee on the Council and 1 Parent

	Name
SGC Chair	Chris Federico
SGC Member	Deborah Blount
SGC Member	Cheyne Hardin