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Shakerag Elementary School Governance Council

Date / time 10/08/2025 | 8:00 am | **Location** PLC Conference Room

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

SGC Members

Megan Ames, Community Member (approved)	Brittany Burnett, Staff (appointed)	Craig Cunningham, Community Member (approved)
Keith Kreutzer, Parent (elected)	Christine Lemerond, Principal	Mia Mandel, Staff (appointed)
NaTasha Pennywell, Teacher (elected)	Kathy Preuss, Parent (elected)	Megha Solanki, Parent (elected)
Debbie Wise, Staff (elected)		

FY25 Norms: Be focused and the voice of all stakeholders. ~ Be present, timely, and focused, and goal oriented.

We will now begin our October 08, 2025, meeting of the School Governance Council of Shakerag Elementary School. This meeting has a 10-minute allotted time reserved for public comment. The council welcomes all citizens to utilize the reserved time to address the Governance Council and discuss any information or questions they may have at that time.

Time	Item	Owner
8:00am	Action Item: Call to Order Motion to start: Debbie Wise Second motion: Kathy Preuss	Mrs. Wise
8:01am	Action Item: Approve Agenda Motion to approve: Craig Cunningham Second motion: Kathy Preuss	Mrs. Wise
8:02am	Action Item: Approve September Meeting Minutes Motion to approve: Kathy Preuss Second motion: Craig Cunningham	Mrs. Wise
8:05am	Information Item: Principal's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers are currently conferencing with parents. Teachers are working hard to get them scheduled as they don't have an October teacher workday like in the past. • There's a concern that parents are sharing misinformation and misconceptions through social media and chat groups. If a parent has a question, they are highly encouraged to go directly to teachers so they get accurate information. • The district is collecting feedback through a ThoughtExchange about budget recommendations. Information has been posted online, but no changes have been made yet. The timeline is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ January: Budget allocations are typically received ▪ February: Final vote takes place for SGCs to approve school budgets • Upcoming events/dates: Fall Break – October 13th – October 17th Bingo Night – October 24th Red Ribbon Week – October 27th – October 31st Bike and pedestrian safety course (grades 2-4) with Fulton County Sheriff's Office – October 27th Legacy of Excellence Event: Teacher and Professional of the Year – October 30th 	Mrs. Lemerond

Our musical theatre students will be performing as the opening act at GA international Convention Center.

Story Book Character Day – October 31st

Teacher Workday – November 4th

Hearing and Vision Screenings for 1st, 3rd, and 5th Grades – November 5th

8:17am	Discussion Item: Review SGC Website for Compliance Jennie Chang – keeps up with school website We are up to date to pass compliance	Mrs. Wise
8:20am	Discussion Item: SGC Fall Cross Council Meeting Committee thanked Mrs. Solanki for going to cross council meeting Highlights Included: Brainstorming session about budget How to brand school Business partners Charter renewal by 2031 - Working on charter renewal now Initiatives for SGC to take on Mrs. Lemerond asked – Were there any ideas shared Mrs. Solanki said one idea shared was to have business partners help us with things we might be struggling with	Mrs. Solanki
8:36am	Discussion Item: 25-26 Council Initiatives Mrs. Lemerond shared that past years included initiatives teacher appreciation, strategic plan, volunteerism Mr. Cunningham shared idea of having farmers market as community event It can be tied to teacher engagement – Mrs. Pennywell’s greenhouse program could be part of the initiative Mr. Cunningham will put together proposal, and committee will revisit	Mrs. Lemerond
8:57am	Discussion Item: Feeder Pattern Event and next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday, October 29, 2025, 6:00-7:30 PM Went out in morning report to request teachers – Coach Smith taking the lead• Doors open at 5:45• Schools need to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Advertise○ Bring Mascots○ Solicit for volunteers to participate in events	Mrs. Lemerond
8:58am	Public Comment No emails	Mrs. Wise
8:55am	Discussion Item: Set Next Meeting Agenda Findley Oaks November 4 th , 8:00 am Cluster Meeting	Mrs. Wise
8:59am	Action Item: Meeting Adjournment Motion to approve: Craig Cunningham Second motion: Brittany Burnett	Mrs. Wise

Notes from the Governance and Flexibility Team

* **SY25-26 Council Initiatives:** Begin discussions to determine the focus of the council’s upcoming work. Lean on your school’s Semester Action Plan to ensure the work of the council is aligned with the goals and initiatives being targeted by the school leaders. Task the council with prioritizing 1 – 2 initiatives the SGC could lead or support throughout the year.

****SGC Website Audits**

Each school year, the Governance & Flexibility Team periodically performs website audits to ensure all School Governance Councils throughout the district are in compliance with Georgia Open Records and Meetings laws. These audits require councils to post information related, but not limited to the following:

- Date, Time, Place/Access Instructions for all Meetings
- Council Documentation (Minutes, Agendas, Summaries of Action)
- Council Roster, Term-End Dates, FCS E-mail Addresses
- Officer and Committee Information

The Governance & Flexibility Team will be completing website audits for all schools at the end of the month. For a list of SGC website requirements, please review the SGC [Website Audit Form](#).