



— Summit Hill Elementary School —

SGC Newsletter

Winter 2025



WHO IS ON YOUR SHE SGC?

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Elected Teacher

Caylee Esmonde
Elected Parent

Jared Foster
Community Member

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Elected Parent

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Appointed School Employee

Erek Mimms
Community Member

Ashley Patterson
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Camille Santos
Appointed School Employee

Debra Shigley
Elected Parent

Stefi Slewitzke
Principal

What is SGC?

The purpose of the School Governance Council is to provide parents, school staff, and community members with a leadership role in the management of the school. The School Governance Council is a governing body that is representative of the community and the school, but operates under the control and management of the Board of Education. The Council is responsible for making decisions regarding the strategic direction of the school including:

- approve the school strategic plan and updates
- approve the annual budget recommendations and resource allocations
- manage Request for Flexibility process
- participate in hiring of the principal (in the case of a vacancy)
- provide annual feedback on principal performance

Values of SHE SGC

Share Opinions Openly

Assume Good Will

Work for the Good of ALL Students



Working with PTO

This year we are excited to be working closely with PTO! We plan to collaborate with them on various initiatives throughout the year. We look forward to sharing more in our Spring Newsletter!

Recap of 2024-2025 Projects + Initiatives

Enhancing Our Summit Hill Identity

Last year, our School Governance Council invested in several updates to strengthen Summit Hill's branding and elevate the experience for students, families, and visitors. We introduced a refreshed, collegiate-style logo and color scheme, installed new translucent signage on the front doors and transom, and added a foliage-inspired vinyl mural in the café to create a more welcoming and connected environment. We also installed custom grade-level hallway signs to improve wayfinding and support safety procedures, along with new signage for the SHE Garden and lunch atrium. Together, these enhancements help cultivate a vibrant, cohesive school identity and celebrate the spirit of our Summit Hill community!

Updated Sound System in Cafeteria

After 25 years, we decided to say goodbye to the old sound system in the cafeteria! As of this year, SGC has completely upgraded the sound system with new microphones, speakers, and electrical. This will make large gatherings, such as Husky of the Month, Grade Level Music Performances, and Chorus even better than before!



Our first musical with the new sound system was Pirates!

2025-2026 Strategic Plan

Our 2025-2026 Strategic Plan is made up of six different goals. The main focus of these goals is the concept of continuous improvement - a constant, ongoing process of growth and progress.

Goal: Enhance Performance for All Students

- Increase percentage of students scoring level 3 & 4 on GMAS Math to at least 80%.

Goal: Ensure Impactful Programming - Special Education Proficiency in Reading

- Increase the level of special education students (80%) reading at or above grade level.

Goal: Prioritize Safety and Operational Efficiency

- Decrease total days of In School Suspension and Out of School Suspension.

Goal: Strengthen Work Force Engagement

- Increase the percent of staff who would recommend Summit Hill as a place to work to a friend or colleague. Happy teachers make happy students! We have a great teacher retention rate and want to keep it that way!

Goal: Utilize Fiscal Resources Effectively

- Student Activity Fund Accountability Score → 100%.

Goal: Deepen Community Connections

- Increase the percentage of parents who take the survey and who would recommend this school to a family member or friend.



To support our goal of enhancing performance for all students, SGC funded a Metro RESA Math Training on CRA (Concrete- Representational- Abstract) Strategies. Teachers loved this training and could not wait to implement what they learned in their classrooms! SGC purchased new math manipulatives for students to use and to support various types of learning.



Virtual Public Comment

We would greatly appreciate you providing feedback to the SHE School Governance Council! Your feedback is important to us. It will be compiled by the Communication and Outreach Committee of the council and reported to the Council at our regular meetings.

