

SEBMS School Council Meeting 2025-2026

Meeting #2 Date: Jan. 9, 2026

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Vision: SEBMS is a supportive learning environment where respect is shown, strong relationships are built, and successful students are developed.

Mission: The mission of SEBMS is to inspire and empower students to thrive academically and socially through a positive learning community based on respectful relationships.

Motto: "SEBMS - A Place of Possibility

Administrator: Dr. Todd Veland

School Council Members: Haley Carwile, Zhan Chen, Brent Connor, Alyssa Mackelprang,

Kimberly Neville, Kimberly Sharpe, Catina Thompson and Charity Wilbon

*Faculty and Staff Members: Todd Veland, Brandon Poole, Shantell Henry

Attendance*See Sign In sheet

Call to Order

Meeting called to order @ 9:06 by: Kimberly Sharpe.

Reading and adoption of previous meeting minutes from Meeting #1 Oct. 24, 2025.

Minutes read by: Kimberly Neville adopted by: Shantel Henry seconded by: Zhan Chen.

Meeting Agenda

Communication Improvements

- Donuts with Dr. Veland
- Communications Team- review Week at a Glance, Parent Newsletter, etc- trying to focus on communication gaps

SIP, Periodic Review and BOE Spotlight

- BOE Spotlight is February 26th at the Board of Education meeting- 10 minute showcase of the school
- Periodic Review- February 5th, board comes to school for a Pulse Check regarding the School Improvement plan.

Launch Day (Digital Citizenship) Review

- House 340 Distraction Free Act- Student Surveys, Bill 340 (3 required social media modules)
- Started Spring Semester off with these modules
- Completed requirements in a day to limit classroom interruptions

Expectation Talks

- Part of the House 340 Act- Covered in the modules on the first day of Spring Semester

House Bill 340 "Distraction Free Act"

- Kimberly Sharpe asked when the new rule with cell phones and smartwatches will take effect. SEBMS is 'practicing' what will be in effect next school year- she requests that parents be informed of the upcoming expectations

GMAS Testing Review. <https://www.gaexperienceonline.com/>

- Dr. Veland asked Mrs. Hodges to add the link above to the parent newsletter.
- New tools available to students on GMAS
- Dr. Veland shared the practice sight (DRC Insight) with the council
- New headphones available to all students for GMAS with the new multiple modal format.

SLDS

- Student Growth Percentile- discussing this with students so that they understand their scores better. Wanting students to focus on growth and not just a score. Students are doing this with their content teachers- this is new this year.
- Dr. Veland is including this information in his weekly callout and in his Expectation Talks with each class.

iReady

- Letters will be sent out to parents.

Spring Events

- Busy, busy, busy.

Hall of Fame Info and Winners

- Winners- Coach Sparks and Linda O'Dowd
- Made a tweak to the qualifications for nomination- teachers may have taught at some of the feeder schools and not just SEMBS- teachers must still be at SEMBS for a minimum of 5 years
- Mrs. Sharpe questioned how you know if a teacher has been retired long enough to fit the qualifications of being nominated
- Official induction will be in March on the Professional Development Day

Open Floor Discussion

- Mrs. Neville and Mrs. Sharpe questioned the Grading Policy- it was suggested that concerns be brought to the teacher and then to the grade level administration if needed.

Community Concerns

- Concerns about the amount of IXL lessons being assigned.
- Mrs. Rountree shared how teachers use IXL as a resource in addition to the teachings going on in the classroom.
- Dr. Veland discussed having math teachers attend the next School Council meeting.
- Mrs. Sharpe asked if there are any extra precautions being taken with the influx of flu this season.

Closing Remarks:

- Mr. Poole shared with the council how he reassesses. He follows Bulloch County Policy. They give common assessments across the grade level. They also work together to flex group students to enrich, remediate, and accelerate.
- Mrs. Oglesby asked Mr. Poole to share how he remediates with direct instruction. She encourages teachers to remediate using a different approach.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:10 by Brandon Poole. The adjournment was seconded by Shantel Henry.

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