



Birmingham Falls Elementary School Governance Council

Friday, 2/6/2025 | 7:15 am – Conference Room

Meeting Norms

Be Respectful of Others' Opinions | Work for the Good of All Students |
Transparency of Communication to all Stake Holders

Time	Item	Owner
7:15 am	Call to Order: Motion: Laura Kendall Second: Will Hunter	Mrs. Hillman
7:16 am	Action Item: Approve February 6 th Agenda Motion: Laura Kendall Second: Kara Eldridge	Mrs. Hillman
7:17 am	Action Item: Approve December Minutes Motion: Laura Kendall Second: Will Hunter	Mrs. Hillman
7:18 am	Public Comment: N/A	All
7:20 am	Informational Item: Webb's Words (updates about BFES) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Bingo – This went great! It was nice to have someone run the event. <i>One suggestion is to consider those students who cannot read yet.</i> • Inclement Weather Day Feedback – How is this going for everyone? Parents and Teachers had no complaints and were appreciative of the types of assignments received. • Budget and Allocations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *We get roughly 8 million dollars for our current staff. For non-personnel we get roughly 200K. *FY26-27 We will have 5 teachers at every grade level (K-5). Losing one third grade positions and one AU position. 	Mr. Webb

	<p>*CTAE – New addition this school year. We get a flex position each year and this is how the CTAE position was paid for this school year. The plan is to use this flex position for CTAE again next school year.</p> <p>*We get 3 custodian ones – Mr. Webb trades 2 positions in and hires contract cleaners to come in the evenings to clean the school. This cost is roughly 108K.</p> <p>*To run the school next year, we have \$69,765. Last year we bought a part time EIP teacher, we paid that with the hope we would get 30K from Charter Dollars. At this point we are not sure if we are going to get this 30K next school year.</p> <p>Motion: Laura Kendall</p> <p>Second: Jenny Whitmer</p> <p>All SGC members in favor of approving the budget and will come into review budget at an upcoming SGC meeting if updates are needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGC Election Update – Mr. Webb will send information out about this. By the end of March interested candidates need to declare their candidacy there will be 2 openings. After spring break there will be a vote. • Long term sub – We are still looking for someone for the Grade 5 position. We do have 3rd grade position covered for next month. 	
7:40 am	<p>Informational Item: PTO Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb. 9-13 - February Kindness Week – Dress up days – Staff add information to their Friday emails. • Full STEM Ahead Fundraiser – Remove Spring Movie night and online host an auction event to bid for seats. Graduation seats, musical seats, carpool spots, K-5 activities. • Feb. 10 TOTY and SPOTY award ceremony – Observations happened this week. • Feb. 13 - Staff Lunch Chick Fil A sponsored by 1st grade • Spirit Night – Jim and Nick’s – Pick up at carpool – orders due Feb. 21 • Feb. 25 Bobcat Lunch 	Mrs. Morris

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb. 27 International Night - 26 families represented • March 6 – Kindergarten Signing Day – Jersey Day for all staff = 8:00 – 10:00. • March 9-13 – Staff Appreciation Week – Greatest Showman Theme • March 21 Sneaker Ball – 6:00-8:30 - March 21 • March 23 Bobcat Golf Tournament - March 23 • March 25 Bobcat Leader Lunch • March 27 PTO Meeting at 9:30 am • April 6-10 = Spring Break • April 17 = Staff Lunch sponsored by Kindergarten • April 29 Bobcat Leader Lunch • May 12 Field Day - Battle of the Bands theme, back up date: May 13 • May 18 Career Day • May 19 – 5th grade class party • May 20 - Senior Walk • May 21 – Graduation, Rose Walk and Last day of School • Early March Board applications for new PTO officers will be available. • Future of STEM Lab – We may not have to adjust how the STEM lab works for next school year. Some parents are concerned with funding this position. Teacher feedback from Mrs. Whitmer and Mr. Hotaling – They like STEM. Suggestion – change how often students attend STEM lab. Mrs. Hillman - The hands-on activities are beneficial for students. *Note: STEM Lab is 50-75 minutes. 	
7:19 am	<p>Welcome/Meet Milton Officer Dennis Pishock. He will split time for now between BFES and Mill Springs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We appreciate that he is here at our school. He visits classrooms, serves lunch, participated in carpool, walks the hallway, walks the exterior and will be here on our career day. Previously a firefighter and paramedic then transitioned into a police officer. 	Mr. Webb
7:50 am	<p>Action Item: Next Meeting and Meeting Adjournment</p> <p>Friday, February 20 – 7:15 AM</p> <p>Motion: Jenny Whitmer</p>	Mrs. Hillman

	Second: Ryan Hotaling Friday, April 17 – 7:15 AM Motion: Jenny Whitmer Second: Ryan Hotaling Motion to Adjourn: Laura Kendall Second: Jenny Whitmer	
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SGC Members

Don Webb, Principal | Laura Kendall, Parent Representative
 Jennifer Whitmer, Staff Representative | Ryan Hotaling, Staff Representative
 AJ Calloway, Appointed Community Representative | Laura Van de Sype, Parent Appointee
 Will Hunter, Parent Representative | Jenny Hillman, Faculty Appointee
 Natasha Sanford, Faculty Appointee | Kara Eldridge, Parent Representative

Officers and Committees

Chair – Ms. Hillman
Vice Chair – Ms. Kilbride
Parliamentarian – Ms. Sanford

Budget/Finance	Outreach/Communication	Principal Selection Committee
Ms. Van de Sype - chair	Ms. Kendall - chair	Will Hunter - chair
Mr. Calloway	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Hotaling
Ms. Eldridge	Mr. Hotaling	Ms. Van de Sype
Ms. Whitmer	Ms. Sanford	Ms. Hillman