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Shakerag Elementary School Governance Council

Date / time 12/10/2025 | 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)	Meghan 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 December 10, 2025, meeting of the School Governance Council of Shakerag Elementary School. The Council welcomes and encourages citizens to attend its meetings to become better acquainted with the school programs and the role of the School Governance Council. This meeting is open to the public but is not a public meeting. Citizens are welcome to attend the meeting but must refrain from interruption or distracting the council proceedings. If there are any questions or information that you have for the council, you may contact one of the council members after this meeting or plan to speak at one of the meetings that reserves time for public comment. You can find the council member contact information, meeting dates, and agenda on the School Governance page of the Shakerag Elementary School website.

Time	Item	Owner
8:00 am	Action Item: Call to Order Motion to Start: Debbie Wise Second motion: Megan Ames	Mrs. Wise
8:01 am	Action Item: Approve Agenda Motion to Approve: Keith Kreutzer Second Motion: Megan Ames	Mrs. Wise
8:02 am	Action Item: Approve October Meeting Minutes Motion to Approve: Craig Cunningham Second Motion: Keith Kreutzer	Mrs. Wise
8:03 am	Information Item: Principal's Update Ms. Lemerond not here – Mrs. Wise presented on her behalf. Mrs. Wise read letter of thanks to SGC committee members from Governance and Flexibility Team.	Mrs. Wise
8:05 am	Mrs. Wise discussed School allotment timeline – Glide Strategies <u>Upcoming events/dates:</u> • iREADY • Amira • Aladin Musical (December 17th, 18th) • Aladin Musical Schoolwide Show (December 19th) • Class Parties (December 18th, 19th) • Teacher Workday (January 5th) • Kids Resume School (January 6th)	

8:09 am	Budget Updates Shortage of \$91 million Discussion about staff allotment (December/ January) Budget approval (June)	Mrs. Burnett/Mrs. Wise
8:13 am	Information Item: School Counseling Advisory Ms. Chang went over her role as school counselor Align school vision and mission Delivery – Instruction ASCA – Student Standards Career Exploration – (School Links) “Be the Voice” campaign SSS Inventory – “Sense of Belonging” Mentoring Kids Hope USA (Mentoring Program) CHRIS 180 – Mental Health	Mrs. Chang
8:35 am	Set next meeting agenda January 14 th , 2026	Mrs. Wise
8:45 am	Action Item: Meeting Adjournment Kristin McCabe - President of the Fulton County Board of Education will be joining us at the next meeting Kathy Preuss will update SGC on the Superintendent Advisory’s Council at our next meeting on January 14 th , 2026	Mrs. Wise
9:00 am	Action Item: Meeting Adjournment Motion to approve: Megan Ames Second Motion: Craig Cunningham	Mrs. Wise

Notes from the Governance and Flexibility Team

Strategic Planning

As we embark on a new academic year, we are committed to empowering your council to play a pivotal role in shaping our school's future through strategic planning. To ensure your success, we will provide regular updates, resources, and support.

We understand the importance of initial organizational tasks for your council. However, we recommend you dedicate a portion of your first meeting to initiating discussions about your school's Strategic Action Plan as they will be due for submission on September 30th.

Building upon the groundwork laid by our school leadership, we recommend focusing your August meeting on the following:

- **Clarifying** the principal’s vision and goals for the upcoming year.
- **Identifying** key lessons learned from the previous school year.
- **Understanding** the expectations outlined by your school's zone leader.
- **Brainstorming** specific ways your council can contribute to the development and implementation of the Strategic Action Plan.

Your insights and contributions are essential to creating an exceptional learning environment for our students. We look forward to a collaborative and productive year.

Finalizing Council Staffing: Please ensure all member updates have been submitted to the Governance & Flexibility Team using the Council Information Form.

SGC Essential Training

Our comprehensive SGC training course is essential for understanding the vital roles and responsibilities within the School Governance Council. This training is designed to equip members with knowledge about the SGC's core structure and key processes for successful school governance.

Login Instructions for Canvas:

1. Open your browser and go to fultonschools.instructure.com.
2. Click "employee log in" and sign in with your Microsoft account.
3. Complete authentication and follow the prompts to reduce sign-in requests.
4. Once logged in, find the School Governance Essential Training listed under courses.

Requirements:

- All SGC members must complete all three modules by the end of August 2025.
- We suggest completing the training prior to your initial SGC meeting if possible.

2025 In Person Officer Training

All SGC Officers (Council Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and Parliamentarians) are required to complete Officer Training (*unless completed in previous years*). Please note that this will be a more in depth, hands-on training for newly elected officers. This is different from the Officer Training Module found in the Canvas Training.

Click below to register to attend one of the sessions.

[In-Person Officer Training Sign Up Genius](#)

Fall 2025 Cross Council Events

The Governance & Flexibility Team is excited to invite all School Governance Councils to our Fall Cross Council events—two engaging mornings designed to connect, collaborate, and inspire.

Dates & Locations

- Monday, September 29 | South Learning Center | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 3 | North Learning Center | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

These sessions are a unique opportunity for SGC members to learn from district leaders, the Governance & Flexibility Team, and each other. They bring together councils from across the district, creating space for collaboration within feeder patterns and across grade bands.

This year's theme centers on three key pillars:

- Teamwork – Kicking off the governance year with energy and excitement for our shared work
- Integrity – Defining our goals and committing to action within our schools
- Accountability – Monitoring strategic priorities and sharing progress with our stakeholders

We are asking each school to send at least **one** representative to one of the two events (both sessions will cover the same material). Once every school has a representative registered, we will open additional spots for other members who would like to join.

Register now via our Sign-up Genius link to secure your spot and join us in shaping another successful year of governance in Fulton County Schools.

[2025 Fall Cross Council Sign Up Link](#)

VAF/Programmatic Updates

All flexibility and programming submissions are due from schools by September 30 and can be completed using the [VAF/Programming Form](#) located on the [Charter System Website Flexibility page](#).

Schools should use the form to submit the following:

- New Value-Added Flexibility Requests – Use the form to request any new flexibilities for the 2026–27 school year.
- Updates on Current Flexibilities – All schools approved for value-added flexibilities since 2021 must submit an implementation update. If your school has multiple approved flexibilities, you may select them from the dropdown in the form and submit a single update on overall progress. A separate update for each flexibility is not required.
- Magnet Program Updates/Requests – This includes requests for new magnet programs, updates on all current magnet programs, and notices of sunseting or discontinuing magnet programs. All schools with magnet programs must submit an update for each program. Schools with multiple magnet programs will need to complete multiple forms.

All submissions require School Governance Council approval and a 30-day public comment period. Instructions for managing the public comment process are available on the *Charter System Website*.

Schools wishing to opt-in to one of the four district preapproved waivers should complete the short [Opt-In Notice of Adoption form](#) and follow the linked instructions.

Please contact the Governance & Flexibility Team with any questions or to request additional support.