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Shakerag Elementary School Governance Council

Date / time 1/14/2026 | 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 January 14, 2026 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
8:02 am	Action Item: Call to Order	Mrs. Wise
8:01 am	Action Item: Approve Agenda Motion to Approve: Kathy Preuss Second Motion: Craig Cunningham	Mrs. Wise
8:02 am	Action Item: Approve December Meeting Minutes Motion to Approve: Craig Cunningham Second Motion: Craig Cunningham	Mrs. Wise
8:02 am	Information Item: Principal's Update Mrs. Lemerond shared that the school was going to be having a soft/ and a hard lockdown during our SGC meeting and explained what our Centegix intruder/Hard Lockdown drill looks like.	Mrs. Lemerond
8:26 am	Welcome Special Guest: Board President McCabe (District 5) Mrs. Lemerond thanked Mrs. McCabe for all she does to support our School Board President McCabe Talked about different layers of security within Fulton County Schools. She explained that safety is paramount to the board and all of administration. Mrs. McCabe also shared some of the financial windfalls Fulton County Schools are facing. Mrs. McCabe also talked to the group about G.L.I.D.E. (Growth Opportunities, Lean Operations, Investment in Innovation, Diversify Revenue and Enhance Efficiency).	
8:45 am	Information Item: Superintendent Advisory Council Update Mrs. Preuss explained that the meeting would be on January 28 th . The theme will be "Giving Service." There will be a service project for council members to gather hygiene products.	Mrs. Preuss
8:50 am	Discussion: Parent and Teacher SGC Elections* Elected positions open:	Mrs. Wise

- 1 Parent (1st Term - Kreutzer)
- 1 Teacher (1st Term – Wise)
- Other positions opening later:
 - 1 Community -Approved (2nd Term – Ames)
 - 1 Staff – Appointed (2nd Term – Mandel)

8:57 am	Discussion: Prepare for Annual Budget Proposal** • Budgets Due: Friday, February 20 – supposed to get budget 1st week of February • Optional Training Opportunities	Mrs. Lemerond
9:00 am	Action Item: Amend Meeting Calendar to align with budget deadline Motion to Approve: Craig Cunningham Second Motion: Kathy Preuss	Mrs. Lemerond
9:01 am	Information Item: Strategic Monitoring Mrs. Lemerond shared some of CCRPI scores and will go into greater detail at our next SGC meeting Mrs. Lemerond shared that Shakerag received 5 literacy awards from the state and outstanding achievement in literacy for 5 th grade	Mrs. Lemerond
9:05am	Discussion Item: Set Next Meeting Agenda (2/18/26 @ 8:00am) • Budget Approval We will push everything to the next meeting to adjourn	Mrs. Wise
9:10 am	Action Item: Meeting Adjournment Motion to Adjourn: Craig Cunningham Second Motion: Kathy Preuss	Mrs. Wise

Notes from the Governance and Flexibility Team

***SGC Parent/Teacher Elections**

The declaration period for parents and teachers interested in serving on their local SGCs will run from **February 2nd to March 27th**.

****Annual Budget Approval**

FY27 Budget development begins on February 2nd and will **conclude on February 20th (Elementary Schools), February 27th (Middle Schools), and March 6th (High Schools)**. SGCs should schedule their February and March meetings prior to their budget closure date to ensure the council has time to discuss and approve FY26 fiscal allocations.

All Dates are Subject to Change