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Allison Bridges, M.A.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Feldwood Elementary School Governance Council

March 18, 2026



- The meeting was called to order by Ms. S. Brown at 8:11 am
- Meeting Norms were established as follows:

Norms

Silence phones

Be respectful of others' opinions

Work for the good of all students

- **Members present:**

Ms. S. Brown—SCG Chair, Ms. Crooks—Principal, Ms. Bridges—AP, Ms. Kengwa—MTSS/504 Support, Ms. Aarons—Parent, Ms. Intemann—Teacher, Ms. Bowman—Community Member

- **Action Item:** Approve Agenda

- Ms. Bridges motioned to approve the agenda
- Ms. Aarons second the approval

- **Action Item:** Approve January 27, 2026, Meeting Minutes

- Dr. Kengwa motioned to approve the agenda
- Ms. Bridges second the motion

- **Action Item:** Approve February 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes

- Dr. Kengwa motioned to approve the agenda
- Ms. Bridges second the motion

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- **Public Comment**
 - No comment
- **Informational Item:** Welcome Special Guests – Feldwood SGA
 - SCG members welcomed the SGA president, vice president, and secretary
- **Action Item:** Motion for SGA President to Co-Chair Portion of Meeting
 - Ms. S. Brown motioned for SGA president to cochair the meeting
 - All were in favor
- **Informational Item:** SGA Update
 - SGA shared their mission and officer duties
 - SGA presented their initiatives, past meeting notes, and upcoming school events
 - Next SGA meeting will be held on Wednesday March 24, 2026
 - SGA secretary motioned for officers to be dismissed
 - All were in favor
- **Informational Item:** Superintendent Advisory Council Update
 - The Spring Cross Council will meet tomorrow, March 19th
 - Ms. S. Brown is no longer able to attend due to a work conflict
 - Ms. Aarons is still planning to attend
- **Discussion Item:** SGC Parent & Teacher Elections Update
 - Parents are allowed to complete another term
 - Members completing their terms:
 - Danielle Aarons – Parent representative
 - Paulette Intemann – Teacher representative
 - FES is seeking one teacher to declare candidacy for SCG (Ms. Burns will likely be declared the SGC teacher for the next term)
 - 2 parent seats remain open

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- **Discussion Item: School Community Update**
 - Ms. Crooks announced that past events/initiatives (e.g., Read Across America week, Exceptional Children week, Black History Month Program, and Parent Day) went well!
 - Special shout out to FES teachers who did a wonderful job preparing and facilitating the Black History Month Program (“The best one yet!” – FES parent)
 - For future events:
 - Decide upon a secondary parent event that can be offered during the school year
 - *What will draw their attention? What will meet their needs?*
 - Some events need to be during the day
 - Past parent interest survey indicated:
 - Parents want to start a PTA
 - Email is preferred communication method
 - Performances are the preferred school events
 - Ms. S. Brown suggested coupling performances with Title 1 meetings
- **Discussion Item: Teacher Appreciation Week Planning**
 - Teacher Appreciation Week: May 4-8
 - Confirmed and potential partners:
 - New York Life – sponsor a meal
 - Local chiropractor – sponsor a lunch, massage, and neurological assessment in April
 - FES – sponsor Sip ‘n’ Paint and meals
 - APEC – sponsor a meal
 - Ms. Bridges secured a \$1000 contribution from a company
 - Theme of the week – TBD
 - Dr. Kengwa will share her plan by the end of the week

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- Dr. Kengwa will collaborate with Ms. Shields so she can incorporate the theme into the Sip 'n' Paint event
- Ms. S. Brown requested that parents be notified about how they can contribute
 - SGC suggested parents collaborate to provide one big gift (e.g., \$25 gift card to Starbucks)
- Suggestion: Provide teachers with a card from previous and current students
 - Potential opportunity to for SGC and SGA to collaborate with Ms. McMillan on a poetry club + appreciation cards
- Celebrate all teachers ($n = 100$; e.g., full-time teachers, substitute teachers)
- Upcoming appreciation weeks:
 - Assistant Principal's Appreciation Week – week of April 13th
 - Principal's Appreciation Week – week of May 1st
 - Ms. S. Brown and Dr. Kengwa will meet to plan initiatives
 - GMAS starts April 30th
 - Recognize 3rd – 5th grade (e.g., Pep Rally)
- **Informational Item: Principal's Update**
 - No new updates
 - Ms. Crooks discussed the hiring season:
 - FES was granted an additional AU class
 - Fulton County's transfer portal closed; FES teachers who did not get transfer will return to FES
 - Ms. Crooks will approve a late transfer
 - Official staff list will be published late April/early May
 - Ms. S. Brown asked about professional development opportunities
 - Ms. Crooks shared previous ways FES has "shared and collaborated":
 - Host observations (e.g., special education teams)
 - Reasons for FES staff retention: joy and growth for all stakeholders
 - Most children stay at least 3 years
 - Ms. Crooks protects teachers' time (lunch and specials reserved)
 - Administration trusts their teachers to do their job

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- Career Day 26-27 academic year
 - Ms. Troutman will lead this initiative
 - Proposed next October/November
 - Combine college & career interests/presentations
 - **Another opportunity for parents to get involved*
 - Ms. S. Brown suggested inviting real estate agents to volunteer and learn about the great work FES is doing
- Budget update:
 - The budget is on track to being fully spent
 - PBIS/Clubs balance: \$1100 left (should be lower)
 - Placed order for Road to 85 shirts
 - Purchase Road to 85 shirts for the students
 - Club balance: \$10,000
 - Spent on teachers' stipends
 - Staff balance: \$228
 - Purchase rewards to celebrate students at the town hall
- **Discussion Item:** Draft April Meeting Agenda
 - Principal's Day – May 1st
 - Teacher's Appreciation – May 4th
 - Next (and last) SGC meeting: April 15th
 - Cross Council update
 - Budget update
 - Invite teacher/professional of year to the meeting
- **Action Item:** Meeting Adjournment
 - Ms. S. Brown entertained the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 am
 - Ms. Aarons motioned to adjourn the meeting
 - Ms. Intemann second the motion