Minutes

Briar Hills Elementary Governance Council

Date & Time 1/26/26 | 3:00 p.m. | *Location* Microsoft Teams

SGC Members

Brandi Nichols, Principal | Eboné Smiley, Parent - Chair | Teairah Porter, Appointed Staff -Vice-Chair
Taléjah Green, Appointed Staff - Parliamentarian | Patricia MacNintch, Teacher | Sydney Kilgore, Teacher
India Cohen, Parent | Katrina Dawson, Parent | Tanazia Hardison, Community Member | Gwendoyln Izell, Community Member

Time	Item	Owner
3:18 pm	**Call to Order**	**Smiley (Chair)**
3:21 pm	**Action Item: Approve January Agenda** • Motion- Ms. Porter • 2nd- Ms. Izell	**Smiley (Chair)**
3:22 pm	**Action Item: Approve October Minutes** • Motion- Ms. Izell • 2nd- Ms. MacNintch	**Smiley (Chair)**
3:23 pm	**Discussion Item: Review of SGC Website Audit Results** • We are in the green for every area of review. The only note was to add two more members to our principal selection committee. Ms. Smiley and Ms. Porter mentioned they will join.	**All Members**
3:25 pm	**Informational Item: Superintendent Advisory Council Update** • Ms. Gina Foster discussed how we should receive updates on council meetings via email. • Ms. Smiley discussed topics from the council meeting such as ;discussion about policies, senior tax exemption flag raised and issues that might come with it, F.A.V.E Structure concerns due to budget cuts, concerns were raised about balance between free speech and school disruption, state legislative and fair share list was shared and where to find it.	**All Members**
3:26 pm	**PUBLIC COMMENT** • We did not have anyone join the meeting to make a public comment. The next opportunity for public comment will be at the February SGC meeting.	**All Members**
3:27 pm	**Discussion Item: Strategic Plan Update/Review** • We are moving toward proficiency for our students; we had our iReady diagnostic for reading and math. Between the beginning of the year to the middle of the year. We are showing that our teachers are doing the work and principal Nichols believes we are on the right track to meet targeted growth by the end of the year, Mrs. Nichols also mentioned we took a look at visibility groups to determine what other supports were needed and provided the district with students are slated to score a level 3 or 4. It looks like we will be off the CSI list if we continue improving in this direction. • Principal Nichols also mentioned the dialogue that was discussed	**Nichols (Principal), All Members**

	in the leadership team surrounding improving our school culture.	
3:35 pm	**Discussion Item: Planning Parent/Teacher SGC elections** • We have two seats available. One parent and one teacher seat. • Ms. Foster mentioned during the election process that there are materials that can be passed out to parents and all they must do is click the link or scan QR code and apply for candidacy and in April a vote will take place. An election tool kit is sent out as well and has already developed language you can use. Please also put out yard signs and get the word out to parents and staff that want to consider becoming a member. • Ms. Smiley mentioned creating a "Campaign" video of sorts to put together a video to let people know who the members of our committee are. • **Ms. Smiley requested a high-quality picture of yourself so she can insert a picture into the video.**	**Nichols (Principal)**
3:43 pm	**Informational Item: Annual Budget Approval** • February 2nd -28th budget opens. • February 23rd SGC meeting, Principal Nichols will share what the budget for next school year will look like.	**Nichols (Principal)**
3:45 pm	**Discussion Item: Schedule Spring Committee Meetings** • Last Monday of every month we will meet @ 3PM, Future meeting dates are as follows: • 2/23 • 3/23 • 4/27 • 5/11	**All Members**
3:48	**Discussion Item: Create Council Initiatives** • Staff Morale was brought back to the forefront. Ms. Porter mentioned Ms. Green wanted to inquire about several ideas to help boost staff morale, such as door-decorating contests, but she was unsure what SGC can offer as incentives or prizes for participants and winners. She would love us to approve (if the council agrees) a proposal for those types of items that are within the guidelines of what SGC funds can be used for. • Principal Nichols mentioned that we can take a poll of things that could be used in the classroom and send out to staff to get an idea of what teachers would like as incentives. • Ms. Porter will send the survey out to ALL staff & newsletter upload by 1/30/26. • Ms. Smiley inquired about surveying parents to see if they can help support the school if people were to sign up for whatever they have to offer. Principal Nichols mentioned having Ms. Taylor mentioning it to parents during our black history program on 2/19 from 5-6:30.	**All Members**
3:53	**Discussion Item: Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals** • Originally, SGC approved $2,000 for rugs for classroom teachers. We purchased a total of 4 rugs for 3 fifth grade and 1 SEC classroom. • Principal Nichols would like $852.85 for the rest of the classroom rugs for 3 4th grade teachers. Motion: Ms. Porter 2nd: Ms. Izell • Ms. Green requested sensory items and support to meet the needs of our exceptional learners. These items help them to regulate and	**All Members**

	prepare for instruction. These items would be more appropriate for classroom use. Ms. Green's Proposal Motion: Ms. Izell 2nd: Ms. Porter • Principal Nichols discussed that we are still using funds that are set aside for field trip buses as well as our EOY T.A.G field trip to Tybee Island.	
4:19	**Informational Item: Principal's Update** 515 students projected for next year principal Nichols is developing our 2026-2027 budget. She mentioned some positions that the district paid for this year that will not be paid for next year. Our data is trending in the right direction, every 1st Wednesday of the month she meets with the district, and those meetings are always pleasant and they are very pleased • We will have our parent input meeting before our black History program. • February 16th will be a remote workday. • February 17th will be a professional workday. • Our school P.B.I.S closet has been created, and our closet is in motion to be pushed out to the students.	**Nichols (Principal)**
4:23	**Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting's Agenda** Ms. Smiley went over the next meeting's agenda for February. Approved Motion: Ms. Porter 2nd: Ms. Kilgore	**Smiley (Chair)**
4:27	**Action Item: Meeting Adjournment**	**Smiley (Chair)**

Meeting Norms

Start and End On Time | Prioritize Student Needs | Maintain Professionalism | Strive for Continuous Improvement