Briar Hills Elementary
School Governance Council
Minutes

Date | Time 02/23/2026 | 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 | Gwendolyn Izell, Community Member

Members present: Ms. Nichols, Ms. Smiley, Ms. Porter, Ms. Green, Ms. MacNintch, and Ms. Izell

Time	Item	Owner
3:11 pm	**Call to Order**	**Smiley (Chair)**
3:12 pm	**Action Item: Approve Agenda** • Motion: Ms. Porter • 2nd: Ms. Green • All in favor: approved.	**Smiley (Chair)**
3:12 pm	**Action Item: Approve January Minutes** • Motion: Ms. Green • 2nd: Ms. Izell • All in favor: approved.	**Smiley (Chair)**
3:13 pm	**Informational Item: Superintendent Advisory Council Update** • Ms. Smiley should be able to attend the virtual meeting this week. • We also need 2 SGC members to attend the spring cross council session on 3/19 from 8am-2pm at Loudermilk Conference Center.	**Advisory Council Representative**
3:17 pm	**Discussion Item: Planning for Parent/Teacher SGC Elections*** • BHES needs 1 parent and 1 teacher to declare candidacy for SGC. • Ms. Nichols will send an e-mail to teachers. • Ms. Smiley will meet with Ms. Taylor to have the information posted on the private FB page. • Ms. Nichols will also send the information to our parents via the weekly SMORE. • There is signage posted outside the school and flyers were sent home with students today.	**All Members**
3:24 pm	**Discussion Item: Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals** 1. **BETA Club is asking for $3500** to help cover the cost of the charter bus to Jekyl Island for the Regional Leadership Conference. BHES has 27 4th and 5th graders who are hoping	**All Members**

	to attend the conference. BETA club has had two fundraisers totaling approximately $3,030.50 to help cover the cost of attendance. They also have a karaoke night fundraiser on March 6th. 2. **Ms. Burney- Expression Through Art (sensory art night)- $1000.00.** The purpose of the event is to host an inclusive sensory friendly event and bring students, staff, and community members together to enjoy yoga, art, and other activities that anyone can use as relaxing or calming strategies (April 16, 4-6 pm). 3. **Ms. Allen- Kindergarten Round Up- $1200.00.** The theme this year is Under the Big Top. Ms. Allen is asking for funds to decorate the classrooms and hallway for the event on 4/17 which is a spring orientation event for incoming students and parents to register, tour the school, meet teachers, and ease the transition to school 4. **Ms. Nichols- Teacher/staff appreciation week (May 4-8)- $7000.00.** All staff will be celebrated with a gift per day. Some gifts may be customized.	
3:59 pm	**Action Item: Approve Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals** • Motion to approval all proposals totaling $12,700.00 Ms. Izell. • 2nd: Ms. Green • All in Favor: approved.	**Smiley (Chair)**
4:01 pm	**Informational Item: Principal's Update** • 26-27 Budget was approved by the district. • Read Across America Week is coming up. • March 16th is a Professional development day (No school for students).	**Nichols (Principal)**
4:03 pm	**Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting's Agenda** • Ms. Smiley will reach out to Ms. Foster for the template for next month's SGC agenda and send out the proposed agenda prior to our March meeting.	**All Members**
4:05 pm	**Action Item: Meeting Adjournment**	**Smiley (Chair)**

Meeting Norms