



SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

Birmingham Falls Governance Council

Date April 17, 2026 | Time 7:15 AM | Location Conference Room

SGC Member Attendance:

Don Webb, Principal	X	Natasha Sanford, Staff (Parliamentarian)	X
Jenny Hillman, Chair	X	Ryan Hotaling, Staff	X
Laura Kendall, Vice Chair	X	Jennifer Whitmer, Staff	X
Will Hunter, Parent	X	Laura Van de Sype, Parent	X
AJ Calloway, Parent		Kara Eldridge, Parent	X

Guest Attendance: Melissa Morris, PTO President, Katie Lawson, FCS Governance and Flexibility

Action Items:

Motion	Time	By Whom	Second By	Voting Results
Meeting called to order	7:15 AM	Ryan Hotaling	Laura Kendall	
Motion to approve April agenda	7:16 AM	Laura Kendall	Will Hunter	Unanimous
Motion to approve February meeting minutes	7:17 AM	Kara Eldridge	Laura Kendall	Unanimous
Meeting adjourned at	7:49 AM	Laura Kendall	Will Hunter	Unanimous

Informational and Discussion Items:

1. Informational Item: Webb's Words (updates about BFES)

- Father Daughter Dance – This was a great event, especially the 360-degree camera. Suggestion – No streamers hanging anymore. They are torn down in the first 15 minutes.
- Bobcat Golf Tournament – Well attended.
- 2026-2027 BFES Staff – Fully staffed for next school year. Ms. Asher -3rd grade teacher is retiring. We will lose our half time EIP teacher.
- SGC Candidacy and Election Update
 - *Parent/Guardian: Ryan Hochworter
 - *Parent/Guardian: Will Hunter
 - *Teacher: Michele Culbertson
 - *Teacher: Staci Arnold

- Mr. Webb sent out 2 SGC Surveys to SGC members:
 - Principal Survey
 - Council Self-Assessment
- SGC Reflection Survey- Overall thought process of how SGC went – We will complete this survey at our last SGC meeting on May 8.
- Next school year we will have 3 AU units in our school instead of 4 AU units. Mr. Webb may hire another paraprofessional in September if SGC dollars allow it.
- We have an extra sub position available to us every day. This extra sub position has been used almost every day to support our AU units. The district is removing this position next school year.
- At our next meeting we would like to invite our new SGC members. In August, Mr. Webb will appoint a parent and a staff member.

● **Informational Item: PTO Update**

- Father Daughter Dance – Well managed from a budgetary perspective and well attended.
- Bobcat Golf – This was a great event, and everyone had a great time. Money was lost on this event. We did not have any sponsors. When we included a silent auction with this event 1 time in the past we earned more money.
- Signing Day 76 students attended – This event went great and it was memorable for kids and parents. We do give personal tours here. These tours are provided by someone on our administration team.
- Staff Appreciation was well received.
- April 24 – Staff Lunch
- May 12 – Field Day – Shirts are available. Volunteer opportunities. K-2 8-10 am. Grades 3-5 11-1pm. Water stations...parents will be informed.
- Spirit Night – Brewsters – Mr. Webb serving on May 15
- PTO Board Elections – 3 positions are not filled.
- President – Mrs. Kassi Gray
- Treasury – Sara Hendrix
- General Communications – Laura Kendall
- Media Communications – Mrs. Elizabeth Peralta
- Event Coordinator – Kim Ritter
- Parliamentarian and Secretary – Kelley Stow
- President Elect – (potentially Sara Hendrix)
- Treasury Elect – (potentially Laura Van de Sype)
- Community Connections - open
- PTO meeting today – PTO positions will be shared. Melissa Morris will serve until July 1.
- Career Day – Monday, May 18 – 21 people have signed up to participate.
- 4th/5th grade give back projects – Focus Group – Enrichment Activity
- 5th grade Dates:
 - Week of May 12 – Field Day
 - May 13 – 5th grade picture
 - May 20 – 5th grade promotion 8:00 am.
 - May 21 – Last day of school. Attendance may be low.
- Human Growth and Development Conversation
- April and May combined Bobcat Leader Lunch

- School Kits can be ordered starting April 27 – Some of this money goes back to our PTO. Let's communicate this information with everyone so we know how much we get per kit. Last year we got back \$3700.
- April 30 – May 7 – No Volunteers in mornings on campus due to GMAS testing.
- The goal of PTO is to raise funds at the beginning of the year and be able to use these funds to carry the school forward throughout the school year...this is mirroring off Summit Hill's PTO.
- We will end our year financially above where we did last year.

3. Discussion Item: Katie Lawson FCS School Governance and Flexibility

- SGC Voting starts April 22-29. If you have a 5th grader you will receive a ballot for the middle school your child will go to.
- A video is being worked on to communicate information about SGC.
- Fulton County has the status of Charter System with the state of Georgia. Our Charter Dollars come from the state and the district decides how these monies will get directed towards schools. The district does not anticipate school Charter Dollars to be less than this school year which was 30K.
- Furthermore, we are in the process of our Charter Renewal – We are the largest charter system in Georgia and it is anticipated that it will be renewed. We are one of the only districts that give the Charter Dollars to the SGCs.

● **Discussion Item: Create May Meeting Agenda**

- Next Meeting we will review our Strategic Plan and complete SGC Reflection Survey and welcome new SGC members.
- Next Meeting Friday, May 8 at 7:15 AM