

Birmingham Falls Elementary School Governance Council

Friday, 4/17/2026 | 7:15 am – Conference Room

Meeting Norms

Be Respectful of Others' Opinions | Work for the Good of All Students |
Transparency of Communication to all Stake Holders

Time	Item	Owner
7:15 am	Call to Order: Motion: Ryan Hotaling Second: Laura Kendrall	Mrs. Hillman
7:16 am	Action Item: Approve April 6 th Agenda Motion: Laura Kendrall Second: Will Hunter	Mrs. Hillman
7:17 am	Action Item: Approve February Minutes Motion: Kara Eldridge Second: Laura Kendrall	Mrs. Hillman
7:17 am	Public Comment: N/A	All
7:25 am	Informational Item: Webb's Words (updates about BFES) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Father Daughter Dance – This was a great event, especially the 360-degree camera. Suggestion – No streamers next school year. • Bobcat Golf Tournament – Well attended. • 2026-2027 BFES Staff – Fully staffed for next school year. Ms. Asher -3rd grade teacher is retiring. We will not have a part-time EIP teacher next school year. • SGC Candidacy and Election Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Parent/Guardian: Ryan Hochworter *Parent/Guardian: Will Hunter *Teacher: Michele Culbertson *Teacher: Staci Arnold 	Mr. Webb
7:35 am	Informational Item: PTO Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Father Daughter Dance – Well managed from a budgetary perspective and well attended. 	Mrs. Morris

- 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 – Giving to a children’s hospital
- 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.
- 5th grade - Human Growth and Development
- April and May combined Bobcat Leader Lunch
- School Kits can be ordered starting April 27 – Some of this money goes back to our school. Let’s communicate this information with everyone so we know how much we get per kit. Last year we got back \$3700.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 30 – May 7 – No Volunteers on campus in the mornings 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. 	
<p>7:48 am</p>	<p>Please complete SGC Surveys</p> <p>Mr. Webb sent out 2 SGC Surveys to SGC members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Principal Survey 2. Council Self-Assessment 3. SGC Reflection Survey - Overall thought process of how SGC went – We will complete this survey at our last SGC meeting. <p>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.</p> <p>Katie Lawson (FCS School Governance and Flexibility) shared:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>A video is being worked on to communicate information about SGC.</p> <p>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 to schools. The district does not anticipate school Charter Dollars to be less than this school year which was 30K.</p> <p>Furthermore, we are in the process of our Charter Renewal – We are the largest in Georgia, and we are doing well and we anticipate being renewed. We are one of the only districts that give the Charter Dollars to the SGCs.</p>	<p>Mr. Webb</p>

	<p>Mr. Webb -</p> <p>Next school year we will have 3 AU units in our school instead of 4 AU units. Mr. Webb may hire another paraprofessional if charter dollars allows it.</p> <p>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. This is being removed next school year.</p>	
7:49 am	<p>Action Item: Next Meeting and Meeting Adjournment</p> <p>Next Meeting we will review our <i>Strategic Plan and complete SGC Reflection Survey and welcome new SGC members.</i></p> <p>Friday, May 8 at 7:15 AM</p> <p>Motion: Laura Kendall</p> <p>Second: Will Hunter</p>	Mrs. Hillman

SGC Members

Don Webb, Principal | Laura Kendall, Parent Representative
 Jennifer Whitmer, Staff Representative | Ryan Hotaling, Staff Representative
 AJ Calloway, Appointed Community Representative | Laura Van de Sype, Parent Appointee
 Will Hunter, Parent Representative | Jenny Hillman, Faculty Appointee
 Natasha Sanford, Faculty Appointee | Kara Eldridge , Parent Representative

Officers and Committees

Chair – Ms. Hillman
Vice Chair – Ms. Kilbride
Parliamentarian – Ms. Sanford

Budget/Finance	Outreach/Communication	Principal Selection Committee
Ms. Van de Sype - chair	Ms. Kendall - chair	Will Hunter - chair

Mr. Calloway	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Hotaling
Ms. Eldridge	Mr. Hotaling	Ms. Van de Sype
Ms. Whitmer	Ms. Sanford	Ms. Hillman