



# MEETING MINUTES



## Vickery Mill Elementary School Governance Council

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1/22/2025 | 2:45 pm Vickery Mill Elementary School  
SGC Website: <https://www.fultonschools.org/domain/439>

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### SGC Members Present

K. Alhadeff, Principal | A. Strickland, Teacher (Chair) | H. Daniel, Teacher (Vice Chair) | K. Tompkins, Appointed Staff | A. Duckworth, Appointed Staff | K. Nelson, Community Member (Parliamentarian) | K. Stuart, Community Member | T. Jackson, Parent

### SGC Members Absent

C. Boydston, Parent | A. Cromer, Parent

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## Minutes

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### Call to Order & Establish Quorum

Action Item: Approve Agenda

Motion: Strickland

Second: Stuart

Approved Unanimously

Time: 2:47

### Action Item: Approve Agenda

Motion: Strickland

Second: Stuart

Approved Unanimously

Time: 2:49

### Action Item: Approve Previous Minutes

Motion: Strickland

Second: Nelson

Approved Unanimously

Time: 2:52

### Discussion Item: SY 25-26 Council Initiatives

A. Spinning the attendance wheel for a reward during Hootie's Holiday Feast was successful, with 67 families attending out of 160 on the initial list. However, the council would like higher participation.

B. The council discussed that some families think this event is only for those in need. Due to this misconception, some students with perfect attendance did not come. In order to broaden community participation, the council is considering a new name for Hootie's Holiday Feast (hosted by Home Church) during the holiday each year. A proposed new name is "Family Winter Celebration." This shift in branding aims to attract families beyond those traditionally identified as "in need," positioning the event as it is meant to be - a school community-wide celebration.

B. We have several unused gift cards remaining. Note: PTO-donated gift cards are not restricted to attendance-related purposes.

a. **Proposed Solution 1:** Conduct a raffle announced during morning announcements, rewarding students with perfect attendance through a random drawing.

b. **Proposed Solution 2:** Family Fun Day Perfect Attendance Campaign Principal Alhadeff will consult with Principal Boyd (Esther Jackson Elementary) regarding attendance incentive strategies and explore distributing incentives to parents of eligible students. **Timeline:** February–March tracking period. Ms. Duckworth will create a promotional flyer to maximize awareness.

**Discussion Item: Planning for Teacher and Parent Elections**

- A. Two elected positions up for election: 1 elected parent (Cody Boydston is current member), and 1 elected teacher (Holly Daniel is current member).
- B. Declaration period: Feb 2nd - March 27th. Council members discussed possibilities, how to get the word out to people who may want to run and possible candidates. The Voting Window is from April 22nd-April 29th.

**Informational Item: Principal's Update**

- A. Family breakfasts will take place based on last name over the next two Fridays.
- B. Mrs. Alhadeff shared the iReady Mid-Year Diagnostic Summary for reading and math:
  - a. **Reading:** Mid-year data demonstrates strong literacy growth across all performance levels. The percentage of students at or above grade level nearly doubled from 22% to 40%, indicating that targeted supports and instruction are effectively helping struggling readers progress toward grade-level expectations.
  - b. **Math:** Significant gains were achieved in reducing the number of students performing well below grade level while increasing proficiency. Students at or above grade level more than doubled from 13% to 27%. Notably, students performing two grade levels below dropped from 67 to 36 (nearly cut in half), and those three or more grade levels below decreased from 33 to 15—representing substantial progress in our highest-need intervention groups. While students one grade level below increased slightly (55% to 57%), overall movement shows students are advancing toward grade-level standards.

**Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting Agenda**

- A. The Vickery Mill SGC meeting is February 12th at 2:45pm. The council will review January minutes for approval, discuss logistics regarding using the attendance wheel for VME and EJE students at Family Fun Day on Saturday, April 4th, review the budget for approval, hear from A. Cromer about the Superintendent Advisory Council Meeting, continue planning elections, hear the Principal's update, and discuss anything else the county assigns.

**Action Item: Meeting Adjournment**

Motion: Strickland  
Second: Stuart  
Approved Unanimously  
Time: 3:30