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Shakerag Elementary School Governance Council

Date / time 3/11/2026 | 8:00 am | **Location** PLC Conference Room

SGC Website: <https://www.fultonschools.org/domain/7891>

SGC Members

Megan Ames, Community Member (approved)

Keith Kreutzer, Parent (elected)

NaTasha Pennywell, Teacher (elected)

Debbie Wise, Staff (elected)

Brittany Burnett, Staff (appointed)

Christine Lemerond, Principal

Kathy Preuss, Parent (elected)

Craig Cunningham, Community Member (approved)

Mia Mandel, Staff (appointed)

Megha Solanki, Parent (elected)

FY25 Norms: Be focused and the voice of all stakeholders. ~ Be present, timely, and goal oriented.

We will now begin our March 11, 2026 meeting of the School Governance Council of Shakerag Elementary School. The Council welcomes and encourages citizens to attend its meetings to become better acquainted with the school programs and the role of the School Governance Council. This meeting is open to the public but is not a public meeting. Citizens are welcome to attend the meeting but must refrain from interruption or distracting the council proceedings. If there are any questions or information that you have for the council, you may contact one of the council members after this meeting or plan to speak at one of the meetings that reserves time for public comment. You can find the council member contact information, meeting dates, and agenda on the School Governance page of the Shakerag Elementary School website.

Time	Item	Owner
8:00 am	Call to Order	Mrs. Wise
8:01 am	Action Item: Approve Motion to Approve: Megan Ames Second: Keith Kreutzer	Mrs. Wise
8:02 am	Action Item: Approve February Meeting Minutes Motion to Approve: Kathy Preuss Second: Keith Kreutzer	Mrs. Wise
8:05 am	Information Item: Principal's Update - Mrs. Lemerond shared March is a heavy academic month and students have been doing well with their behavior - Budget Update: The Board of Education had initially decided on a furlough day May 21st but at their last meeting it was decided the current school calendar will remain the same and there will be no furlough day. - The county is facing major financial constraints with the three largest contributing factors being rises in healthcare costs, student enrollment is down, and the new exemptions. - The Governor and State Assembly voted on a \$2,000 one-time bonus for all certified teachers. Fulton County will receive \$14 Million From the state for this. The Board wants to include all employees In this bonus which will cost the county an additional \$8 Million - Upcoming school events are: - March 16th – Professional Development Day with the Cluster SGC Meeting at Findley Oaks - March 24th – Spring Pictures - March 25th – PreK Lottery - March 27th – Gladiators Hockey Game with Shakerag Chorus performing the National Anthem - Next Month – 5th Grade visit to River Trail and Artist Day - Our next meeting on April 16th with the State of the School presentation Along with our Volunteer Brunch. There is an RSVP in Shark Bytes. - Long term projections for Shakerag are 535 students for the 26-27 school year. We currently have 558 students.	Mrs. Lemerond

8:15 am	Information Item: Superintendent Advisory Council Update Mrs. Preuss had nothing to report.	Mrs. Preuss
8:20 am	Discussion: Parent and Teacher SGC Elections* - Elected positions open: 1 Parent (1st Term - Kreutzer) 1 Teacher (1st Term – Wise) - Other positions opening later: 1 Community -Approved (2nd Term – Ames) 1 Staff – Appointed (2nd Term – Mandel) - Candidate declarations closes March 27th.	Mrs. Wise
8:25am	Information Item: Flag “Parade” Update Mrs. Burnett shared each grade level has received the information on creating flags. The students will be limited to 2 flags. The Flag Ceremony will be held at the opening of Artist Day and held in the cafeteria.	Mrs. Burnett & Mrs. Mandel
8:30am	Discussion Item: Agenda Items for Feeder Pattern Meeting 3/16/26 – 8:00 am at Findley Oaks - Who is attending? Members attending will be Mrs. Lemerond Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Mandel, Ms. Pennywell and Mr. Cunningham. - Any talking points? Strategies for volunteers will be discussed.	Mrs. Wise
8:45am	Discussion Item: Set Meeting Agenda for our last meeting on 5/13/26 @ 8:00 am - Council Assessment - Survey Completion - These will need to be completed at that meeting	Mrs. Wise
8:50am	Information Item: Next Meeting 4/16/26 @ 8:30 am (Media Center)	Mrs. Wise
9:00 am	Action Item: Meeting Adjournment - Motion to approve: Kathy Preuss - Second: Megan Ames	Mrs. Wise

Notes from the Governance and Flexibility Team

*SGC Parent/Teacher Elections

The declaration period for parents and teachers interested in serving on their local SGCs will run from **February 2nd to March 27th**. Click [here](#) to check how many council seats your school has open for these positions in this year’s election cycle.