



Birmingham Falls Elementary School Governance Council

Friday, 8/14/2026 | 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: Mr. Webb Second: Kara Eldridge	Mr. Webb
7:16 am	Action Item: Approve August Agenda Motion: Kara Eldridge Second: Laura Kendall	Mr. Webb
7:16 am	Action Item: Approve May Minutes Motion: Kara Eldridge Second: Laura Kendall	
7:18 am	Public Comment: N/A	All
7:20 am	Informational Item: Mr. Webb introduces staff appointee Mrs. Brie-lenn Abney. Faculty Appointee: Brie-lenn Abney	Mr. Webb
7:22 am	Action Item: Approve Mr. Webb's community appointee. Introduce: Mr. Hochworte – Has a 2 nd grade student at our school. Mr. Hochworte would like to be more involved with the school and community. Motion: Jenny Hillman	Mr. Webb

	All SGC members approved.	
7:25 am	Informational Item: Webb's Words (updates about BFES) • Beginning of Year – We have had a smooth start. • Curriculum Night – Typically we have had curriculum night right before Labor Day. This year we did curriculum night the second week of school. This allows parents to meet the teacher and know expectations earlier. A downside to this is if we open a new classroom and students have to shift. SGC Parent Perspective – The parents liked meeting the teacher and having it earlier in the year. Teachers send out their Curriculum PowerPoint to families too. This may be a reason why there is not as many attendees than in the past. Parents are finding out how teachers' classrooms work. SGC Teacher Perspective – The teachers like having it earlier because they can set expectations. Teachers also like the fact that they can set up conferences earlier. If we run into a situation of having a new classroom open, we could always set up a make-up curriculum night for that class. • Seat Count Update – This was previously called 10-day count. Now it is called seat day. It is possible we may get another teacher position. This does not necessarily mean Mr. Webb will get to hire someone. The district may assign someone to our school through something called a surplus process. We are looking to see how we may use this potential position to best support our school. Our current school student population is 710. This exceeded the district's projected number of students. We more students enroll from King's Ridge than in the past. • Executive Functioning Focus – This may have been talked about at Curriculum Night by some teachers. We are hoping to help our students become more organized as well as use other strategies in our school to support executive functioning. Mrs. Soloff is planning to focus on one piece of executive functioning each month soon.	Mr. Webb

7:36 am	Informational Item: PTO Update • Kassi Gray is our PTO President • Ice Cream Social went great and well attended by our staff members. When we have the time earlier it makes it easier for staff to attend. • Bobcat Bash – October 9th • First meeting PTO Friday, August 28 • Room Mom Meeting August 24th at 9:30. • Sponsorships have brought early funds. • School Spirit Wear can be purchased online, and the school receives a percentage.	Mrs. Eldridge
7:40 am	Action Item: Choose officers and committee members. SGC Chair: Mr. Ryan Hotaling Vice Chair: Jenny Hillman Parliamentarian: Mr. Ryan Hochworter Principal Selection Committee: Brie-lenn Abney, Laura Kendall, Michele Culbertson, Ryan Hotaling Budget and Finance: Will Hunter, Michele Culberston, Brie-lenn Abney, Kara Eldridge Outreach Communication Committee: Will Hunter, Jenny Hillman, Laura Kendall, Kara Eldridge Motion: Jenny Hillman All SGC members approved.	All
7:42 am	Potential Action Item: Charter Dollar Expenditures • We will have 40K in Charter Dollar Expenditures...Mr. Webb would like to hire a paraprofessional for the school to assist with needs especially in our special education classes. The position would be used to help in a variety of ways. • Motion: Ryan Hotaling • All SGC members approved.	All

7:53 am	Action Item: Next Meeting Date and Meeting Adjournment Friday, September 18th at 7:15 AM Motion: Ryan Hotaling Second: Will Hunter	Mr. Hotaling

SGC Members

Don Webb, Principal | Laura Kendall, Parent Representative
Michelle Culbertson, Staff Representative | Ryan Hotaling, Staff Representative
Ryan Hochworte, Appointed Community Representative
Laura Van de Syde, Parent Appointee
Will Hunter, Parent Representative | Jenny Hillman, Faculty Appointee
Brie-lenn Abney, Faculty Appointee | Kara Eldridge, Parent Representative

Officers and Committees

Chair – Ryan Hotaling
Vice Chair – Jenny Hillman
Parliamentarian – Ryan Hochworte

Budget/Finance	Outreach/Communication	Principal Selection Committee
Will Hunter	Will Hunter	Brie-lenn Abney
Michele Culbertson	Jenny Hillman	Laura Kendall
Brie-lenn Abney	Laura Kendall	Michele Culbertson
Kara Eldridge	Kara Eldridge	Ryan Hotaling