Marietta Sixth Grade Academy

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE TEAM

LAUNCHING THE YEAR'S WORK

September Agenda

DATE	TIME
September 18, 2026	8:00 am
LOCATION	**VIRTUAL LINK (IF APPLICABLE)**
MSGA - room 44	

MEMBERS PRESENT
Keynun Campbell (Principal), Mia Henderson (Teacher), Savana Rithmire (Teacher), Brittni Brown (Parent), Stormy Webster (Parent), Laura Kraus (Community Member), Tamara Edwards (Appointed Admin)

September Slide Deck

The first working meeting. The year's strategic work starts here, with the school's annual goals front and center.

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	LEAD
1 min	**Call To Order**	*Principal*
2 min	**Action Item:** Approve The Agenda Motion: S. Webster Second: T. Edwards Vote: Approve	*Co-Chair*
2 min	**Action Item:** Approve Minutes From The Previous Meeting Motion: S. Webster Second: T. Edwards Vote: Approve	*Secretary*
8 min	**Action Item:** Establish The Team's Group Norms (see next page) Moved from August meeting Motion: B. Brown Second: S. Webster Vote: Approve	*Co-Chair*
7 min	**Discussion Item:** Set The Team's Advisory Priorities For The Year Moved from August meeting *Continue conversation in October with School Improvement Plan* Parent/Family Communication: ● GADOE School Climate Survey: Dec 1 - March 31 ○ The group discussed increasing parent participation in the annual parent survey, particularly because survey participation will be incorporated into the School Improvement Plan (SIP). ■ Previous participation was approximately 25 individual parents, not 25%. ■ The school has been given a target of approximately 125 responses. ■ The survey is anonymous, so the school can monitor the total number of submissions but cannot identify which families have completed it.	*All Members*

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- The survey window is December 1–March 31.
- The group emphasized that simply distributing the survey is not the challenge—the challenge is motivating parents to take action and complete it.
- Utilizing multiple ways to send/engage parents
    - Newsletters
    - Events
        - Dec - Concert Series
        - Gifted Showcase
        - MMS 7th grade preview (potentially)
        - NJHS
    - Media
        - Video collaboration (parent(s)/MCS Communications)
    - Involve Students
        - Morning announcements or student-created videos
        - Classroom reminders
        - Simple family checklists
        - Encouraging students to ask parents whether they have completed the survey
        - Incentive: “If our school reaches 125 parent survey responses, the entire student body earns a special celebration or experience.”

- MSGA -
    - What is our story? **How can MSGA intentionally create parent connection, involvement, and school traditions quickly enough that families feel invested during the limited time they are part of the school community?**
        - They generally have a very positive perception of MSGA.
        - The school's structure and experience can be particularly valuable for students at this developmental stage.
        - However, because families are at the school for such a short period, parents may not have enough time to develop strong connections with teachers, traditions, organizations, or the broader school community before their student moves on.
    - What are our milestone events/MSGA Traditions?
        - Blue Devil Day (Rising 6th graders)
        - Field Trip
        - Field Day
    - Could we curate a 6th grade/9th grade partnership in Marietta?
        - Blue Devil 2 Blue Devil
- Side by Side Parent Series
    - Social Emotional (topic based on parent survey)
        - Anxiety Center - session offered a couple weeks ago, 10-15 attendees (in-person & virtual)
    - Helping my middle schooler adapt (topic based on parent survey)

Removed	~~**Discussion Item:** Review The School's Annual Goals And Improvement Plan~~ (this item will be moved to the October meeting)	*All Members*

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	LEAD
10 min	**Discussion Item:** How The School Communicates With Families This Year *Combined with discussion of priorities for the year.* *Continue conversation in October with School Improvement Plan*	*All Members*
2 min	**Discussion Item:** Confirm Ad Hoc Committees Or Task Forces, If Needed *Moved to October Meeting*	*Co-Chair*
10 min	**Informational Item:** Principal's Update - Big Picture MAP Overview *Moved to October Meeting*	*Principal*
2 min	**Discussion Item:** Draft The Next Meeting Agenda	*All Members*
1 min	**Action Item:** Adjourn	*Co-Chair*

MSGA SGT Norms

"We will assume positive intent, focus on solutions, use data to guide decisions, and always prioritize what is best for students."

As members of the School Governance Team, we commit to working collaboratively, respectfully, and transparently to support student success and advance the school's strategic goals. We will uphold these norms in every meeting and hold ourselves and one another accountable for maintaining a positive and productive governance culture.

School Governance Team Norms

- Keep students first.
- Be present and prepared.
- Listen to understand.
- Respect all perspectives.
- Assume positive intent.
- Use data to inform decisions.
- Focus on solutions.
- Honor confidentiality.
- Stay on topic and respect time (as much as possible).
- Support team decisions.