

# High Point Elementary School

## School Governance Council (SGC) September Meeting

**Date:** 10/1/2026

**Time:** 7:45AM-8:45AM

**Location:** Media Center

**School Year:** 2026-2027

**SGC Members:** Dr. Danielle Miller (Principal), Rina Kidder (Staff), Yolanie Santiago (Teacher), Marcella Gary (Teacher), Shaundia Jackson (Teacher), Kate Wright (Parent), Kimmyatta Keith (Parent), Beth Hargrave-Thomas (Parent), Dhaval Desai (Community Member), Ramona Overstreet (Community Member)

**7:45AM Call to Order** (*Chair*)

**7:47AM Action Item:** Approve Agenda (*Chair*)

**7:48AM Action Item:** Approve Previous Month's Minutes (*Chair*)

**7:50AM Action Item:** Finalize Council Staffing\* (*Chair*)

**7:51AM Discussion Item:** Confirm Parent/Community Superintendent Advisory Council Representative (*Chair*)

**7:56AM Discussion Item:** SGC Council Development Opportunities (SGC Essential Training in Canvas for new members, In Person Officer Training and Cross Council) (*All Members*)

**8:06AM Discussion Item:** Determine SY26-27 Council Norms (*All Members*)

**8:12AM Discussion Item:** Review SGC Website for Compliance (*All Members*)

**8:17AM Discussion Item:** Review 2026 Council Self-Assessment and Create Initiatives (*All Members*)

**8:25AM Discussion Item:** Strategic Planning Updates (*All Members*)

**8:30AM Discussion Item:** Review VAF/Program Requests (*All Members*)

**8:35AM Informational Item:** Principal's Update (*Principal*)

**8:40AM Discussion Item:** Grant Opportunities (*All Members*)

**8:45AM Discussion Item:** Draft Next Meeting's Agenda (*All Members*)

**8:50AM Action Item:** Meeting Adjournment (*Chair*)

**Meeting Norms:**

- Silence phones and minimize distractions
- Respect the opinions and perspectives of others
- Remain engaged and solution-oriented
- Maintain confidentiality when appropriate
- Keep the needs and success of all students at the center of our decisions

**Notes and Reminders**

\* **Finalizing Council Staffing:** Please ensure all member updates have been submitted to the Governance & Flexibility Team.

\*\* **SGC Council Development Opportunities:**

**SGC Essential Training**

Our comprehensive SGC training course is essential for understanding the vital roles and responsibilities within the School Governance Council. This training is designed to equip members with knowledge about the SGC's core structure and key processes for successful school governance.

Login Instructions for Canvas:

1. Open your browser and go to [fultonschools.instructure.com](https://fultonschools.instructure.com).
2. Click "employee log in" and sign in with your Microsoft account.
3. Complete authentication and follow the prompts to reduce sign-in requests.
4. Once logged in, find the School Governance Essential Training listed under courses.

**2026 In Person Officer Training**

All SGC Officers (Council Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and Parliamentarians) are required to complete Officer Training (*unless completed in previous years*). Please note that this will be a more in depth, hands-on training for newly elected officers. This is different from the Officer Training Module found in the Canvas Training.

Click below to register to attend one of the sessions.

[2026 Officer Training Sign Up Link](#)

**Fall 2026 Cross Council Events**

The Governance & Flexibility Team is excited to invite all School Governance Councils to our Fall Cross Council events—two engaging mornings designed to connect, collaborate, and inspire.

These sessions are a unique opportunity for SGC members to learn from district leaders, the Governance & Flexibility Team, and each other. They bring together councils from across the district, creating space for collaboration within feeder patterns and across grade bands.

*Dates & Locations to be announced soon!*

**\*\*\* SY26-27 Council Initiatives:** Review Council Self-Assessment. As a reminder, these were sent in the July Newsletter. Begin discussions to determine the focus of the council's upcoming work. Lean on your school's Strategic Action Plan to ensure the work of the council is aligned with the goals and initiatives being targeted by the school leaders. Task the council with prioritizing 1 – 2 initiatives the SGC could lead or support throughout the year.

**\*\*\*\*VAF/Programmatic Updates**

All flexibility and programming submissions are due from schools by October 2<sup>nd</sup> and can be completed using the [VAF/Programming Form](#) located on the [Charter System Website Flexibility page](#).

Schools should use the form to submit the following:

- New Value-Added Flexibility Requests – Use the form to request any new flexibilities for the 2027-2028 school year.
- Updates on Current Flexibilities – All schools approved for value-added flexibilities since 2021 must submit an implementation update. If your school has multiple approved flexibilities, you may select them from the dropdown in the form and submit a single update on overall progress. A separate update for each flexibility is not required.
- Magnet Program Updates/Requests – This includes requests for new magnet programs, updates on all current magnet programs, and notices of sunseting or discontinuing magnet programs. All schools with magnet programs must submit an update for each program. Schools with multiple magnet programs will need to complete multiple forms.

All submissions require School Governance Council approval and a 30-day public comment period. Instructions for managing the public comment process are available on the *Charter System Website*.

Schools wishing to opt-in to one of the four district preapproved waivers should complete the short [Opt-In Notice of Adoption form](#) and follow the linked instructions.

Please contact the Governance & Flexibility Team with any questions or to request additional support.