September Minutes - Milton High School Governance Council

SGC Members| 7:15am | Location: Principal's Office & Teams

Brian Jones, Principal | Tracy Lynn Drye (Chair), Elected Parent | Rebecca Deweese (Vice Chair), Elected Staff | Stacey Poehler (Parliamentarian), Elected Parent | Darius Maize, Appointed Staff | Brandon Churchill Appointed Community Member | Marvin Fullilove, Appointed Staff | Amanda Martinez, Elected Staff | Jim Manganelli, Elected Parent

New Members: | Stephanie Gendron Appointed Community Member | TBD Student Member | TBD Student Member

In attendance: Brian Jones, Tracy Lynn Drye, Rebecca Deweese, Stacey Poehler, Amanda Martinez, Jim Manganelli, Stephanie Gendron and PTO Representative: Victoria Tucker

Time	Item	Owner
7:15 AM	Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 7:18	Chair
7:16 AM	Action Item: Approve Agenda	Chair
7:17 AM	Action Item: Approve Previous Month's Minutes	Chair
7:18 AM	Action Item: Finalize Council Staffing*	Chair
7:20 AM	MHS PTO Update	PTO Representative
7:22 AM	Discussion Item: SGC Council Development Opportunities (SGC Essential Training in Canvas for new members, In Person Officer Training and Cross Council) ** - need more feedback from families	All Members
7:25 AM	Discussion Item: Review 2026 Council Self-Assessment and Create Initiatives*** - staff input - the reality is that with any type of "new" spending the process becomes cumbersome	All Members
7:30 AM	Discussion Item: Strategic Planning Updates - the plan is for SGCs to vote in the late spring, so more of a second semester thing	All Members
7:35 AM	Action Item: Approve New VAF/Program Requests**** Submission: Ms. Denney: Visual and Performing Arts Magnet - previously submitted, not a cosa school, lose students to innovation, want to keep performing arts and visual arts at a high level - Renee reviewed the process - it has to go through the magnet schools of America - not sure if we have to be designated as a magnet school by the county and hold it for the year prior to approval by the magnet schools of America - no magnet programs approved last year - we would get a program coordinator and 3 teaching positions - kicking engineering program back into gear - just bought a c&c machine - Rebecca moves to approve the submission, unanimously in favor of moving forward	All Members Chair
7:40 AM	Informational Item: Principal's Update - had an open cdi position bc of a relocation, open iss para professional, got a surplus teacher from Banneker HS for cdi dept., volunteer transfer from Alpharetta for cdi parapro, need to interview for iss parapro - lost .5 of a position but no one was cut, earned work-based learning position, carry over $120k from last year, district funded second 504 position, our online bill should be able to be covered with these savings, it is going to be hard to	Principal Jones

	truly see what this looks like every year bc of the way we do course selection - not letting kids add online classes in August - county policy is up to 3 - may need to leverage charter	
7:50 AM	Discussion Item: Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposals - 2 requests have come through - online link was put together yesterday - $40k to spend this year - Rebecca moves to approve the online form, Amanda seconds - Renee Denney - professional development money for AP training and other opportunities like conference registration fees - request is for $10k - apply individually and we can vote via email - professional development days for teachers with 20+ recommendations - early deadline 10/15 - - SGC has paid for shredding bin in teacher workroom - $65/month	All Members
8:00 AM	Action Item: Charter Dollar Expenditure - Shredding Cost - $650 - unanimously approved	Chair
8:10 AM	Discussion Item: Draft Next Meeting's Agenda - charter dollar form - strategic goal alignment	All Members
8:15 AM	Action Item: Meeting Adjournment - Amanda motions to adjourn at 8:03am and Rebecca seconds	Chair

Milton High School Mission

Milton High School is dedicated to providing a safe and supportive community that values integrity and accountability along with academic excellence and positive relationships.

Milton High School Vision

We envision a school where students explore and thrive in academics, arts and athletics, while maintaining a balanced and healthy perspective. We will foster an environment where students are empowered through diverse opportunities and supported by invested faculty, staff, and parents.

Milton SGC Meeting Norms

The SGC created these meeting norms in order to foster an environment that would produce the best results for our students. Meeting norms are behavioral expectations that should be upheld by each SGC member.

1. Work efficiently for the good of all students
2. Create an atmosphere of respect and fairness
3. Maintain a united front for the public.

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.
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 2nd 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 sunsetting 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.