School Council Agenda
October 29, 2026
Southeast Bulloch Middle School

Vision: SEBMS is a supportive learning environment where respect is shown, strong relationships are built, and successful students are developed.

Mission: The mission of SEBMS is to inspire and empower students to thrive academically and socially through a positive learning community based on respectful relationships.

Call to Order
Meeting called to order @ 8:06 by Kimberly Sharpe.

Attendance
*See sign in sheet

Introduction of Members

- ***Current:*** Haley Carwile, Zhan Chen, Brent Connor, Kimberly Neville, Kimberly Sharpe, Catina Thompson, Charity Wilbon

- ***New:*** Chris Gaskin, Erin Martin, Karen Naufel, Leigh Wolfe
- **Faculty and Staff Members:** Todd Veland, Brandon Poole, Shantell Henry
- ***Guests-*** *Nick Cochran, Faith Musselwhite, Mary Micheal Logue, Mrs. Burke. Lacy Connelly*

- Officers for 2025-2027

- Chairperson: Kimberly Sharpe
- Vice Chairperson: Catina Thompson
- Secretary: Kimberly Neville

Overview of School Council Purpose and Terms- *shared by Kimberly Sharpe*

- Purpose/Mission of School Councils: to bring the community and the school closer together, improve academic achievement, support for teachers, and to get parents involved in the decision making process.
- How will mission be attained: providing recommendations to Principal, Superintendent and local Board of Education
- Expectations for School Council Members:
    - Maintain school wide perspective
    - Attend every meeting (4 per year).
    - Participate in information and training programs
    - Act as a link between school and community

    - Work to improve student achievement and performance
- Term of Council Members
    - Members serve a 2 year term. Term begins July 1 and ends June 30

Data Review/ School Improvement Plan- *Veland*

- SIP/Periodic Review
    - Just had the first periodic review. SIP is based on critical thinking. Critical thinking routines are being shared with students. Students have responded well.
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- DEAR- Drop Everything and Read on Wednesdays
    - physical book in hand, raising lexiles

Educator Hall of Fame

- HOF Program
- Permission requested from School Council- Mr. Daniels, former custodian, be inducted in the EHOF- permission granted
- Will still nominate one other at a later date

What's Been Happening/New Initiatives- *Veland*

- **Current Enrollment:**

  Total: 931, 8th-297, 7th-314, 6th-320 *(with 4 more currently pending)*
    - Portable additions
    - Added one admin
    - Added SWD para
    - Additional connections class- Health
    - Additional gifted teacher- also helps with RTI
    - Teacher concerns- class sizes
- **Safety and Security**

  -Film to block view of Cafeteria and Commons area

  -Clear Bag Policy- Nick Cochran only required of high school as of now, will be coming to middle school soon

  -Road posts put up over the break

- **Changes to our Instructional Day- *Veland***

  -7:55 Warning Bell

  -Offering 3 classes of Honors Physical Science instead of 1 class as in previous years.

- **Parent Engagement- *Lacy Connelly***
    - Increase in attendance at the Parent Involvement night (105 people). A Literacy Session was added that focused on DEAR and lexile levels. Dinner was provided by FCCLA.
    - Looking to host a STEM related event in the Spring, more info to come soon.
    - Working to improve attendance

- **Monday Message with Veland**
    - Positive character traits are shared on the Student News and students are encouraged to read.

- **Digital Citizenship**
    - Digital Citizenship lessons are taught to students on the 1st/2nd of every month. This is a County initiative.

- **Leadership Lunch Council with Veland**
  Meet monthly with students on the Lead Lunch Council to discuss things students are interested in, ways to make our school better, members are also the first to try new menu options. Pizza is served during these meetings

- **Transfer Students Meeting with Veland**
  Met with new students who transferred to SEBMS to discuss how they feel about our school. We want them to feel welcome and supported.

- **Expectation Talks**
  Grade Level Admins conduct Expectation Talks with grade levels after breaks.
    - conducted after breaks

- **Anti-Vaping Classroom Guidance Lessons**
  Counselors are sharing the County created Anti-Vaping lesson with all students during Classroom Guidance. It's Red Ribbon week, so

Guest Speakers will come talk to 7th and 8th Grade students about the importance of saying no to vapes/drugs/alcohol

- **8th Grade visits to SEBHS**
  8th Graders will visit SEBHS on Nov 3 and Nov 4. Students will get a chance to learn about the various Pathways through hands-on learning opportunities.

- **Custodial Staff Appreciation Day**
  Lunch from El Mag was provided

- **Bus Driver Appreciation Day**
  Student Council provided Chick-fil-A breakfast to our Bus Drivers

Points of Pride

Fall Sports

Cheer: Back to Back 1st place wins for Competition Cheer at the Bring it to the Boro Competition at Bulloch Academy and Vidalia Sweet Onion Classic!
Football: Region Runner-ups (7-1 season record)
Tennis: Boys Champion (undefeated season**)**
Cross Country: Overall state champs! Hosted region at SEBMS.

Winter Sports

Basketball: Returning this year as the Girls' Head Coach- Marci Cochran

Clubs

FFA: 2-Star National Chapter, Area 4 Region Rally Overall Middle School, Area 4 2nd Place Meats Evaluation Team - Advance to State Meats 11/7

Jr. Beta Club - 88 total members, with 56 being new to Jr. Beta Club this year

Open Floor Discussion:

- Improvements:
    - Email with absentee link
    - Transportation change link
    - More pep rallies, school spirit type activities
- What would we like for the School Council to continue?
- Areas of Improvement for SEBMS
- Community Concerns
    - AI within the school
        - Have had sessions on how to use it safely and effectively.
        - Gemini and Gemini Notebook- our system is a Google Suite district

SEBMS School Council:

-School Council meetings will be held 4x per school year.

- *October 29- 8:00 a.m.*
- January 19- 8:00 a.m.
- March 16-11:30 a.m. (lunch provided)
- May 28- 8:00 a.m.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned @ 9:250 by Mr. Poole. The adjournment was seconded by Kimberly Neville.

SEBMS School Council
Meeting #1
October 29, 2026 @ 8:00
Sign In Sheet

Haley Carwile	
Zhan Chen	
Brent Connor	
Chris Gaskin	
Shantell Henry	
Erin Martin	
Karen Naufel	
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