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Shakerag Elementary School Governance Council

Date | time 10/14/2026 | 8:00 am | ***Location*** PLC Conference Room

SGC Members

Brittany Burnett, Staff (appointed)
Keith Kreutzer, Community Member (approved)
Tony McNary, Parent (elected)
Megha Solanki, Parent (elected)
Craig Cunningham, Community Member (approved)
Christine Lemerond, Principal
NaTasha Pennywell, Teacher (elected)
Chantel Dowling, Staff (appointed)
Rashi Manaktala, Staff (elected)
Kathy Preuss, Parent (elected)

FY27 Norms: Be focused and the voice of all stakeholders. ~ Be present, timely, and focused, and goal oriented.

We will now begin our October 14,2026 meeting of the School Governance Council of Shakerag Elementary School. This meeting has a 10-minute allotted time reserved for public comment. The council welcomes all citizens to utilize the reserved time to address the Governance Council and discuss any information or questions they may have at that time.

Time	Item	Owner
8:00am	Action Item: Call to Order	Mrs. Manaktala
	• Motion to approve: Kathy Pruess	
	• Second : Craig Cunnigham	
8:01am	Action Item: Approve Agenda	Mrs. Manaktala
	• Motion to approve: Keith Kreutzer	
	• Second: Brittany Burnett	
8:02am	Action Item: Approve September Meeting Minutes	Mrs. Manaktala
	• Motion to approve: Keith Kruetzer	
	• Second: Natasha Pennywell	
8:03am	Information Item: School Counseling Update	Mrs. B. Chang

- Advisory Council
  - Discuss school counseling program alignment
  - School Counseling Data
    - SSS: students' self-rate themselves – Grades 3-5
      - Results: The biggest areas of need are *social awareness* and *relationship skill*s
        - Examples : Social Awareness "I know how to recognize my emotions" , Relationship skills "I know how to identify trusted adult"
      - One time assessment in the beginning of year and post assessment in the spring.
        - Improvement through Tier 1 SSS in the class
        - Data guides counseling lessons throughout the year.
          - Social awareness lessons are all completed. Next relationship skills lessons will begin.
        - Counseling groups started this week.
        - Partners: Kids Hope USA mentoring program, Chris180 in house school-based therapy.

8:13am Information Item: Principal's Update Mrs. Lemerond

- Hands on Shakerag went well. There was a good turnout.
- Nov. 3 Election Day will be a remote Learning Day, and parents should expect students to receive packets to be sent home. Teachers will be on campus that day for Professional Development sessions and will be available for communication if needed.
- Fundraiser
    - Bingo Night is 10/16.
- Oct 26th- Red Ribbon week
    - Northview HS is holding community night on Wednesday Oct. 28th. The biggest event of that night Trunk or Treat.

8:20am Information Item: Update Charter Dollar Expenditure Proposal Mrs. Lemerond

- New Staff hired for HDSG is Andrexy Campbell. She pulls kids to work on skills to fill gaps in grade level skills.
- At this time, we don't anticipate needing an extra para position and will not use the charter funds for that position.
- Looking at other options to use funds that supports our school.

8:25am Capital Plan 2032/ESPLOST Mrs. Lemerond

- We have been beneficiaries over the past few years to fund our many renovations on the building.
    - If approved, we are hoping to get new lightning and sound system for stage to support our fine arts program.

8:35am Discussion Item: SY26-27 Council Initiatives* All Members

- Spring Market Event Suggestions:
    - Pennywell: This will allow the special areas team to have ownership of something. The Specials department can participate to support the event. One idea is to fundraise by having a 5K to help fund many areas in the school. They mapped out Rogers Circle and Embry Farm or we can do fun run on the field.
    - Possible contain 5k on campus for safety and easier process. Fun run target students. (Craig)
    - We can promote to the parents who may have businesses so that everyone can participate. (Kathy)
    - SGC: help with figuring out how to support, Mini grants can be considered to help with supplies. This needs to be presented to PTO.
    - This year should be a planning year; we need to have a purpose if we fundraise.
        - Timeframe for next year: Spring 2028

8:45am Discussion Item: Public Comment Mrs. Manaktala

- No public attended

8:55am Discussion Item: Set Next Meeting Agenda (11/11/26 @ 8:00am) Mrs. Manaktala

9:00am Action Item: Meeting Adjournment Mrs. Manaktala

- Motion to approve: Brittany Burnett
- Second : Craig Cunningham

Notes from the Governance and Flexibility Team

*** SY26-27 Council Initiatives:** Begin discussions to determine the focus of the council's upcoming work. Lean on your school's Semester 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.

****SGC Website Audits (Sent to Mrs. J. Chang who maintains our website)**

Each school year, the Governance & Flexibility Team periodically performs website audits to ensure all School Governance Councils throughout the district are in compliance with Georgia Open Records and Meetings laws. These audits require councils to post information related, but not limited to the following:

- Date, Time, Place/Access Instructions for all Meetings
- Council Documentation (Minutes, Agendas, Summaries of Action)
- Council Roster, Term-End Dates, FCS E-mail Addresses
- Officer and Committee Information

The Governance & Flexibility Team will be completing website audits for all schools at the end of the month. For a list of SGC website requirements, please review the SGC Website Audit Form.