



MINUTES

Shakerag Elementary School Governance Council

Date | time 4/14/2020 | 7:15am | **Location** Shakerag Elementary School

SGC Website: <http://shakeragschoolgocouncil.weebly.com/>

SGC Members

Joy Albano, Community Member
Rajeev Gupta, Parent
Margaret Mathas, Appointed Staff

Renee Bartley, Community Member
Christine Lemerond, Principal
Jean Romfo, Appointed Staff

Julie Duhe, Teacher
Courtney Lesman, Teacher

Justin Elanjian, Parent
Robert Luskin, Parent

Norms: Be present and begin and end on time ~ Keep the whole child in mind ~ Engage in open and honest discussions ~ Be the voice of all stakeholders

- **Action Item:** Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 7:20 am by Robert Luskin
- **Action Item:** Approve Agenda-a motion to approve was made by Margaret Mathas seconded by Joy Albano
- **Action Item:** Approve February Meeting Minutes-a motion was made by Julie Duhe and seconded by Jean Romfo
- **Community Check-in:** Robert shared that this is an opportunity for families/communities to become more engaged in schools. Justin Elanjian shared that there is a plethora of voices on neighborhood Facebook platforms and feels as though the SGC needs to have a presence so we can help clear up confusion and direct comments appropriately.
- **Discussion Item:** We reviewed the election results and welcomed Courtney Gatlin Cleary as our newly elected parent representative and Courtney Lesman as the teacher representative.
- **Discussion Item:** Principal's Update
 - Updates on Current Situation- There has been a pause on building entry due to new mask requirements. We hope this will be resolved by next week.
 - Fulton County published a 31-page Remote Learning Guidelines that was issued to all parents and staff. The Leadership Team continues to go through it and get feedback from grade levels to decipher how Remote Learning will look at Shakerag. Robert shared that the biggest concern from parents seems to be the large expectations of the next grade level and asked if there will be a 'grace period' at the beginning of the school year. Christine Lemerond discussed the prioritized standards and that teachers are basing their Remote Learning lesson plans on them. The district has talked about possibly issuing a summertime guidance tool with additional skills to work on and anticipates additional assessments at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.
 - Parents seem to prefer communication from teachers and school officials rather than district communication.
 - Robert asked if the pandemic has affected budgets and where we are in that process. Christine shared that no changes have been made to the 2020-2021 budget at this time. The only change may be the timeline of approval dates being pushed back.
- **Discussion Item:** Council Surveys*
 - [Council Self-Assessment](#) – All members please use the survey link to complete by 4/30/20-it will help next year's SGC Group and the Advisory Groups best move forward.
 - [Principal Feedback Survey](#) – All members, with the exception of the Principal, please use the survey link to complete by 4/30/20-it will help Christine best move forward to support the SGC in the 2020-2021 school year.
- **Discussion Item:** Cross Collaboration Meeting Update:
 - The meeting was held via TEAMS on 3/31/20. Device distribution was discussed, and Christine shared that the county collected any devices purchased with SPLOST money. 8 of our 9 laptop carts were taken to Northview High School for distribution to homes in our cluster that do not have any device access. Only 18 of our devices were used at that time and the rest were returned to Shakerag. Since this initial distribution, things have changed in homes as far as device access and new needs have arisen. The next wave of device

distribution has focused on needs in grades 3-5 only and no plan is in place to address the needs of students in lower grades. There will be a helpdesk for families to call if needed and there will be a centralized distribution center. It is expected that those devices will be returned but no plan currently outlines how or when that will happen.

- Parents expressed concerns and questions about the county closing school early or not having Friday learning, but no decisions have been made at the county level regarding these concerns at this time.
- **Discussion Item:** Superintendent's Advisory Council Update:
 - The council continues to meet virtually on Thursdays.
 - Summer School sessions will be in both June (virtual) and July (hopefully in person) for the recovery of a failed class due to lack of engagement.
 - Graduation contracts for high school seniors are being cancelled and students have been tasked to come up with creative graduation ideas. There will be no school sponsored proms for seniors.
 - School will not start early in July, but it is possible that schools may start later in the fall for the 2020-2021 school year, however it is too soon to know.
 - Parents expressed a desire for live lessons with teachers which could be either recorded or interactive.
 - A question was asked if substitutes can apply for unemployment?
 - Currently all standardized tests have been cancelled, with the exception of AP tests which are occurring remotely.
- **Discussion Item:** Progress Monitoring Tool:
 - Erin King said to just complete the Progress Monitoring Tool to the best of your ability. Some areas, for example 'Student Growth', may be blank due to the lack of student testing data. Christine will tweak this and have it ready to review/approve at last meeting on May 12, 2020.
- **Discussion Item:** Schedule meetings/Set agendas for the following:
 - Last Meeting Agenda for 5/12/20 @ 7:15 a.m.- TEAMS Meeting
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- **Action Item:** Meeting Adjournment- a motion was made by Joy Albano and seconded by Margaret Mathas at 8:12 am

Notes from the Governance and Flexibility Team

* Both the Council Self-Assessment and the Principal Feedback Survey will be sent to SGC members' FCS e-mail addresses. These surveys should be completed by all members by April 30th. If you encounter difficulties accessing your FCS e-mail address, please contact the IT Helpdesk at (470)254-4357.

** All newly elected governance council members must attend training. Please stay tuned to information about how new members can sign-up for governance training.

*** Strategic Plan Monitoring tools should be updated at least once more before the end of the semester. Visit your monitoring tool at each of your remaining council meetings and continue to work with your council on making progress with your initiatives towards your strategic outcomes. Feel free to contact your facilitators for support.