



Briar Vista Elementary School Principal Advisory Council
Record of Minutes
Meeting Date: March 25, 2026

A quorum of voting members was present for the March 25, 2026 Principal Advisory Council meeting held in the cafeteria at Briar Vista Elementary (BVE) School.

Attendance/Establishment of Quorum

Council Members Present: Dyani Robinson (Principal), Kayla McGhee (Teacher), Kym Spencer (Teacher) – Virtually, Michelle Stansell, Chair (Parent), Scott DOUGLAS Vice-Chair (Parent), Shari Loftly (Parent) - Virtually

Council Members Absent: Kashfia Khan, Secretary (Parent)

Established Quorum and Called to Order: With 5 out of 6 of the voting members present, a quorum was established. Chair M. Stansell called the meeting to order at 8:41 am.

DCSD Vision/Mission

The vision of the DeKalb County School District is to inspire our community of learners to achieve educational excellence. Our mission is to ensure student success, leading to higher education, work, and life-long learning.

Public Comment

For members of the public wishing to provide comment, time was allotted on the agenda from 8:41 a.m.– 8:45 a.m.

Action Items:

- Approval of Agenda
 - Principal Robinson distributed the agenda posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Principal Robinson motioned to approve the agenda and Chair M. Stansell seconded that the Council approve the agenda as present. The agenda was approved unanimously (5:0)
- Approval of Minutes
 - Principal Robinson read aloud the minutes from the December meeting of the Council. Principal Robinson moved and Chair M. Stansell seconded that the Council approve the minutes from the December meeting. The minutes from the December meeting of the Council were approved unanimously (5:0).

Discussion Items:

- Review of 2025-2026 Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP) Goals:
 - By the end of the 2025-2026 school year, BVE school will improve student mastery of academic standards in ELA (Literacy) by 3% on the GA Milestone Assessment from SY24-25 to SY25-26. Principal Robinson shared data from the latest MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) test results, where the percentage of students that scored at or above proficient level increased from 61% to 70%. Improvement in Literacy test scores is above 65th percentile, which indicates that the school is on track to meet the 3% improvement in Literacy scores.

- By the end of the 2025-2026 school year, BVE school will improve student mastery of academic standards in Math by 3% on the GA Milestone Assessment from SY24-25 to SY25-26. Principal Robinson shared data from the latest MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) test results, where the percentage of students that scored at or above proficient level increased from 64% to 71%. Improvement in Math test scores is at 61st percentile, which is slightly shy from the target growth at 65th percentile. However, the improvement in test scores is a step forward for the school to meet the 3% improvement in Math score goal.
- Principal's Report on Enrollment
 - Principal Robinson provided student body count for SY26-27. There will be 40 available spots for Kindergarten (Montessori), out of which 27 spots have been confirmed for current PreK4/rising Kindergarten students. Remaining 13 spots have been open for fulfillment through School choice, out of which 10 have been fulfilled. 1st Grade Montessori class has 1 seat available and none available for 2nd to 5th grade. However, once school starts and any vacancies arise in 2nd to 5th grade, the school Registrar has a waiting list that can be utilized to fill the vacant spots, if any.
 - BVE will not be providing any summer school or summer camps this year due to staff shortage/unavailability. Any students requiring summer school will be assigned to other nearby schools.
- School Governance Training by February 12th for all active members
 - All members are registered for the training. M. Stansell (Chair) and K. McGhee (Teacher) have completed the training.
 - **Action Item:** Principal Robinson will confirm with the Governance office whether a self-paced version of the training confirms attendance for members.
- BVE Garden progress
 - Principal Robinson confirmed with the Dekalb Operations team that the rain barrels cannot be installed as it would require re-configuration of the gutters, which would disqualify them from any warranties. Clarity on volunteer process
- Clarity on volunteer process
 - Instructions from the county state that *all* volunteers are required to finish the training if/when they would like to volunteer within the school premises, including volunteering for holiday parties. Principal Robinson will send the training instruction for volunteering through Class Dojo again this semester.
- Artwork for the front of the school progress (on front stairs)
 - Principal Robinson confirmed that Dekalb Operations Manager has confirmed that the front stairs will be fixed to meet County Code requirements. However, County Operations have denied *any* artwork in front of the school to meet new requirements of "uniform appearance" for all schools.
 - Dekalb Operations Manager has visited the school and has approved interior painting for the school and has been more involved to improve the overall appearance of the school
 - **Action Item:** Principal Robinson will follow-up to ask if there is any flexibility on adding artwork elsewhere or other sides of the school

Information Items:

- School Assignment Project
 - The School District has been discussing re-designing and mapping of all schools. Further information on this will be provided in next PAC meeting
- Druid Hills Cluster Alliance Meeting

- Modernization of Druid Hills High school and other improvement projects are discussed at the “Druid Hills Cluster Alliance Meeting” which is held on every last Monday of each month. All school principals within the cluster, PAC members, parents and other stakeholders are invited to these meetings. Principal Robinson can share the meeting invite if anyone is interested to attend.
- Construction project on Druid Hills High School is planned to start mid 2027

Adjournment: 9:45 am

Chair M. Stansell will work with Secretary K. Khan and the school webmaster to ensure that the Record of Minutes is posted at the school site and on the Council webpage.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

MOTION: Chair M. Stansell; SECOND: Secretary K. Khan

Next Meeting Date/Time: The next meeting of the Council will be held Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 8:30 am. Location: To Be Determined



Briar Vista Elementary School Principal Advisory
Council
Summary of Actions
Meeting Date: January 28, 2026

A quorum of voting members was present for the January 28, 2026 Principal Advisory Council meeting held in Room 17 at Briar Vista Elementary School.

Council Members Present: Dyani Robinson (Principal), Kayla McGhee (Teacher), Kym Spencer (Teacher) – Virtually, Michelle Stansell, Chair (Parent), Kashfia Khan, Secretary (Parent), Shari Loftly (Parent) - Virtually

Council Members Absent: Scott Winston Vice-Chair (Parent)

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Agenda and Action Items:

The Principal Advisory Council took action on the following agenda items:

Approved (5-0) Agenda for January 28, 2026

Approved (5-0) Minutes from December 3, 2025 Council Meeting

Discussion Items:

- Review 2025-2026 **Continuous School Improvement Plan** Goals – Map Test Results have been analyzed and on track to meet the goal of 3% improvement in Literacy and Math test scores for SY25-26
- Principal's Report on (Enrollment) – Final student body count has been determined for SY26-27
- School Governance Training by February 12th for all active members- Two members have completed training. The remaining 5 members are registered. **Action Item:** Principal Robinson will confirm with Governance office on members' status of training requirement
- BVE Garden Progress – Rain barrels cannot be installed since installing rain barrels will disqualify from any related warranties
- Clarity on volunteer process – Volunteers are required to complete training prior to volunteering in school premises, including volunteering for any holiday parties
- Artwork for the front of the school progress (on front stairs) – Dekalb Operations will fix front stairs but has rejected installation of any artwork. Dekalb Operations will also paint the interior of the school. **Action Item:** Principal Robinson will follow-up with Dekalb Operations to inquire if there is any flexibility to add artwork elsewhere in the school

Information Items:

- School Assignment Project – District is discussing about re-mapping schools and further information on this topic will be provided in next PAC Meeting

- Druid Hills Cluster Alliance Meeting – All school principals, parents, teachers, stakeholders and others are invited to join these meetings to learn about Druid Hills Modernization project

Adjournment: 9:45 am