**Briarlake School Council 2016 - 2017**

**Principal:** Jamela Lewis [jamela\_l\_lewis@dekalbschoolsga.org](mailto:jamela_l_lewis@dekalbschoolsga.org)

**Teacher Representatives:**

Deb Wise, term: 2015-2017 [deborah\_a\_wise@dekalbschoolsga.org](mailto:deborah_a_wise@dekalbschoolsga.org)

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**Parent Representatives:**

Chair: Debbie Martin-Gerstle, term: 2015-2017 [dmartindvm@gmail.com](mailto:dmartindvm@gmail.com)

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**Academic Achievement Committee Co-Chairs:**

Jin Choy [jkimchoy@gmail.com](mailto:jkimchoy@gmail.com) and Tony Pan [tcp1975@gmail.com](mailto:tcp1975@gmail.com)

This PTA committee will oversee the School Council Academic Challenges and all of Briarlake’s Academic Competitions.

**Calendar of Meetings 2016 - 2017**

Thursday, 8/18/16 at 1pm

Thursday, 10/20/16 at 1pm

Thursday, 1/19/17 at 1pm

Thursday, 3/16/17 at 1pm

Thursday, 5/04/17 at 1pm

Meetings are open to the public.

**School Council Information**

In accordance with House Bill 1187 – The A+ Reform Act

of 2000, all public schools must have a Local School

Council (LSC). They are meant to bring communities and

schools closer together in a spirit of cooperation to solve

educational challenges, improve academic achievement,

provide support for teachers and administrators and

bring parents into the school-based decision making

process. The School Council at Briarlake consists of the principal, 4

parents, and 2 teachers.

The Council meets 5 times each academic year and is

concerned with matters of student achievement and

school improvement. Elections are held in May to fill

vacant seats on the Council.

**The members of the School Council are accountable**

**to the constituents they serve and shall**:

Maintain a school-wide perspective on issues

Regularly participate in school council meetings

Participate in information and training programs

Act as a link between the school council and the community

Encourage the participation of parents and others within the school community

Work to improve student attendance, achievement, and performance