

FINCH ES

Date: 8/28/25

Time: 3:30 PM

Location: ZOOM

I. Call to order: 3:35PM

II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Dr. Tara Spencer	Present
Parent/Guardian	Ms. Edwina Lawrence	Present
Parent/Guardian	Ms. Jasmina King	Absent
Parent/Guardian	Ms. Kashon Caldwell	Present
Instructional Staff	Ms. Erin Gore	Present
Instructional Staff	Ms. Tatyana Mcknight	Present
Instructional Staff	Ms. Tesia Germain	Present
Community Member	Dr. Terence Lester	Present
Community Member	Pastor Eric Thomas	Present
Swing Seat	Ms. Rekina LeCount	Present
Student (High Schools)		

Quorum Established: [Yes or No]

III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Erin Gore; Seconded by: Pastor Thomas
Members Approving: Tesia Germain, Edwina Lawrence, Tatyana McKnight
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion [Passes/Fails]
- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** List amendments to the minutes:
Motion made by: Tesia Germain; Seconded by: Tatyana Mcknight
Members Approving: Erin Gore, Edwina Lawrence
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion [Passes/Fails]

- c. **Action Item 1: Motion: Elections of Officers and Representatives (Chair)**
Motion made by: [Erin Gore](#) ; Seconded by:
Members Approving: Tesia Germain, Tatyana Mcknight, Terence Lester, Edwina Larence, Pastor Thomas
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion [\[Passes/Fails\]](#)
- d. **Action Item 2: Motion: Elections of Officers and Representatives (Co-Chair)**
Motion made by: [Tesia Germain](#); Seconded by: [Tatyana Mcknight](#)
Members Approving: All members
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion [\[Passes/Fails\]](#)
- e. **Action Item 2: Motion: Elections of Officers and Representatives (Secretary)**
Motion made by: [Erin Gore](#) ; Seconded by: [Tesia Germain](#)
Members Approving: Tesia Germain, Tatyana Mcknight, Terence Lester, Edwina Larence, Pastor Thomas
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion [\[Passes/Fails\]](#)
- f. **Action Item 2: Motion: Elections of Officers and Representatives(Cluster Representative)**
Motion made by: [Tatyana Mcknight](#); Seconded by:
Members Approving: Tesia Germain, Terence Lester, Edwina Larence, Pastor Thomas
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion [\[Passes/Fails\]](#)
- g. **Action Item 2: Motion: Review and Approve Public Comment Protocol**
Motion made by: [Edwina Lawrence](#); Seconded by: [Erin Gore](#)
Members Approving: Tesia Germain, Tatyana Mcknight, Terence Lester, Pastor Thomas
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion [\[Passes/Fails\]](#)
- h. **Action Item 2: Motion: Election: Set GO Team Meeting Calendar**
Motion made by: [Tatyana Mcknight](#) Seconded by: [Tesia Germain](#)
Members Approving: Tesia Germain, Tatyana Mcknight, Terence Lester, Edwina Lawrence, Pastor Thomas, Erin Gore

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

Motion [Passes/Fails]

IV. Discussion Items

- **Discussion Item:** Meeting dates set for September 18, October 23, November 20, January 29, February 12, March 12, and May 14
- **Discussion Item 2:**
- Public comment will be permitted at the October 23, January 29, March 12, and May 14 meetings
- Public comment protocol was reviewed and approved

V. Information Items

a. Principal's Report

- The Go Team elected new officers: Tesia Germain (Chair), Erin Gore (Vice Chair), Rekina Lecount (Secretary), and Edwina Lawrence (Cluster Representative).
- Two vacant seats were filled: Dr. Terence Lester for the community seat and Rekina Lecount for the swing seat.
- The school's enrollment is at 266 students, 7 above the projected 259, resulting in additional funding of \$115,000.
- Dr. Spencer presented plans to use the additional funding for an hourly non-instructional aide, increasing security monitor position to full-time, and providing stipends for teachers.
- The Comprehensive Long Range Facilities Plan was discussed, with two scenarios presented: one involving repurposing Parkerson Elementary and another involving repurposing Finch Elementary.

Budget and Enrollment Update

Dr. Spencer provided updates on enrollment and budget adjustments.

● Details

- **Tara Spencer:** Reported current enrollment at 266 students, 7 above the projected 259
- **Tara Spencer:** Announced additional funding of \$115,000 due to exceeding enrollment projections
- **Tara Spencer:** Proposed using funds to hire an hourly non-instructional aide to manage the lunchroom, allowing grade-level support personnel to focus on small group instruction

- **Tara Spencer:** Suggested allocating \$30,000 for teacher stipends and instructional supplies
- **Tara Spencer:** Proposed increasing the hourly security monitor position to a full-time position
- **Conclusion**
 - The budget adjustments will focus on prioritizing instruction and supporting teachers
 - The changes align with the school's continuous improvement plan

Assessment Data Review

Dr. Spencer presented the school's MAP assessment data from the past four years.

- **Details**
 - **Tara Spencer:** Explained the color-coding system for student performance levels
 - **Tara Spencer:** Highlighted a 13% decrease in students performing at the beginning level in reading since 2022
 - **Tara Spencer:** Noted similar progress in math, with a decrease from 49% to 36% of students at the beginning level
- **Conclusion**
 - The school has made progress in reducing the number of students at the beginning level
 - Focus needed on moving more students to proficient and distinguished levels

b. Information Item 2

Comprehensive Long Range Facilities Plan

Dr. Spencer discussed the district's facilities plan and its potential impact on Finch Elementary.

- **Details**
 - **Tara Spencer:** Explained the plan aims to address APS's financial deficit and maximize facility usage
 - **Tara Spencer:** Noted that Finch will not receive the small school supplement (approximately \$228,000) in the 2026-2027 school year
 - **Tara Spencer:** Described the district's challenge of having capacity for 70,000 students but only 50,000 enrolled
 - **Tara Spencer:** Presented two scenarios for the Carver cluster: 1) Repurposing Parkerson Elementary or 2) Repurposing Finch Elementary
 - **Dr. Terence Lester:** Asked about criteria used to determine which schools would be repurposed
 - **Tara Spencer:** Explained factors included building condition, utilization rate, community feedback, enrollment trends, and student choices

- **Rekina Lecount:** Asked if charter schools were considered in the scenarios
- **Tara Spencer:** Clarified that only traditional schools were considered due to existing charter contracts
- **Conclusion**
 - The facilities plan is a 2-5 year process with no immediate changes expected next year
 - Community meetings are scheduled for input, with board readings planned for November and December
 - Team members were encouraged to stay informed and participate in the process

VI. Announcements

1. Must complete Go Team Training (Lester and LeCount)
2. STEAM Day is on August 29, 2025
3. Labor Day is on Monday, September 1
4. Grandparents Day will be celebrated at Finch Friday September 12, 2025
5. Skate Night @ Cascade September 12, 2025
6. GO Team Summit- September 27, 2025
7. **Dr. Terence Lester and Rekina Lecount**
 - a. Complete required Go Team training
8. **All Go Team Members**
 - a. Add meeting dates to personal calendars (September 18, October 23, November 20, January 29, February 12, March 12, and May 14)
 - b. Review the Comprehensive Long Range Facilities Plan website for more information
 - c. Consider attending community meetings about the facilities plan

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Insert Name]; Seconded by: [Insert Name]

Members Approving:

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

Motion [Passes/Fails]

ADJOURNED AT 4:42 PM

Minutes Taken By: Erin Gore

Position: Vice Chair

Date Approved: [9/18/2025]