

Meeting Minutes

William Finch Elementary

Date: 8/29/2024

Time: 3:30 PM

Location: Zoom

- I. Call to order: 3:31 PM
- II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Tara Spencer	Present
Parent/Guardian	Edwina Lawrence	Present
Parent/Guardian	Kashon Caldwell	Present
Parent/Guardian	Xixib Bailey	Present
Instructional Staff	Tayana Mcknight	Present
Instructional Staff	Erin Gore	Present
Instructional Staff	Tesia Germain	Present
Community Member	Adriana Sola	Present
Community Member		
Swing Seat	Dr.Regana Hill	Present
Student (High Schools)		

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Erin Gore; Seconded by: Regana Hill
Members Approving: Tesia Germain, Kashon Caldwell, Xixib Bailey, Tayana Mcknight, Adriana Sola
Members Opposing: None
Members Abstaining: None
Motion Passes
- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:**
 Motion made by: Erin Gore Seconded by: Regana Hill
Members Approving: Tesia Germain, Kashon Caldwell, Xixib Bailey, Tayana Mcknight, Adriana Sola
Members Opposing: None
Members Abstaining: None
Motion Passes

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c. **Fill Vacant Positions** *(copy and complete table for each vacant position)*

Vacant Position:	Parent
Nominee's Name:	Kashon Caldwell
GO Team Members In favor	Tesia Germain, Erin Gore, Regana Hill, Xixib Bailey, Tayana Mcknight, Edwina Lawrence, Adriana Sola
GO Team Members Opposed	None
GO Team Members Abstaining	None

d. **Election of Officers**

i. **Chair: Result:**

Officer Position:	Chair
Nominee's Name:	Erin Gore
GO Team Members In favor	Tesia Germain, Regana Hill, Xixib Bailey, Tayana Mcknight, Kashon Caldwell, Edwina Lawrence, Adriana Sola
GO Team Members Opposed	None
GO Team Members Abstaining	None

ii. **Vice Chair: Result:**

Officer Position:	Vice Chair
Nominee's Name:	Regana Hill
GO Team Members In favor	Tesia Germain, Erin Gore, Xixib Bailey, Tayana Mcknight, Kashon Caldwell, Edwina Lawrence, Adriana Sola
GO Team Members Opposed	None
GO Team Members Abstaining	None

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iii. Secretary: Result:

Officer Position:	Secretary
Nominee's Name:	Tesia Germain
GO Team Members In favor	Regana Hill, Erin Gore, Xixib Bailey, Tayana Mcknight, Kashon Caldwell, Edwina Lawrence, Adriana Sola
GO Team Members Opposed	None
GO Team Members Abstaining	None

iv. Cluster Representative: Result:

Officer Position:	Cluster-Representative
Nominee's Name:	Tayana McKnight
GO Team Members In favor	Regana Hill, Erin Gore, Xixib Bailey, Tesia Germain, Kashon Caldwell, Edwina Lawrence, Adriana Sola
GO Team Members Opposed	None
GO Team Members Abstaining	None

- e. **Set GO Team Meeting Calendar** (*GO Teams are required to have a minimum of 6 meetings, with at least 4 allowing for Public Comment*)

	Date	Time	Location	Public Comment (Yes/No)
1	9/26/2024	3:30 PM	Zoom	Yes
2	10/24/2024	3:30 PM	Zoom	No
3	11/21/2024	3:30 PM	Zoom	Yes
4	01/23/2025	3:30 PM	Zoom	Yes
5	02/27/2025	3:30 PM	Zoom	No
6	04/24/2024	3:30 PM	Zoom	Yes
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Review and Approve Public Comment Format

Motion to adopt made by: [Erin Gore](#) Seconded by: [Regana Hill](#)

Members Approving: Xixib Bailey, Tayana Mcknight, Kashon Caldwell, Edwina Lawrence, Tesia Germain, Adriana Sola

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

Review and Approve Go Team Calendra

Motion to adopt made by: [Regana Hill](#) Seconded by: [Tayana Mcknight](#)

Members Approving: Xixib Bailey, Edwina Lawrence, Kashon Caldwell, Erin Gore, Tesia Germain, Adriana Sola

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

Review and Adopt GO Team Norms

Motion made by: [Regana Hill](#) ; Seconded by: [Edwina Lawerance](#)

Members Approving: Xixib Bailey, Tayana Mcknight, Kashon Caldwell, Erin Gore, Tesia Germain, Adriana Sola

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

IV. Discussion Items

- a. **Discussion Item 1:** School Start Update: Current Enrollment & Leveling
 - i. Dr. Spencer shares that the projected student enrollment was 264 however the school is currently at 266 students. Because the enrollment is beyond expectation, Dr. Spencer shares that she earned \$10, 668 extra because of the two additional students. In addition to the \$10,668 there was reserve fund from last year used as hold over money in the amount of \$31,839 to support enrollment either with gains or losses. Dr. Spencer is now eligible to receive the \$31,839 and she does not need to pay it back to the district because she meant her projected enrollment. Dr. Spencer also received a grant for the amount of \$45,000 to support any safety and security needs. Dr. Spencer purposes using the funds to hire a halftime paraprofessional to assist with behaviors, cafeteria duties, and activities within the building. Dr. Spence continues expounding on ways she would use the safety grant such as upgrading camera systems and putting things into place to make sure that Finch is a safe place to teach

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and learn. Dr. Spencer is currently waiting for her boss to get feedback on the ideas she has for the new funds.

- b. **Discussion Item 2: Assessment Overview: MAP Date**
 - i. **GMAS:** Dr. Spence shares the Georgia Milestone Date for the years of 2018-2024. Dr. Spencer states that the data illustrates the performance as a school. The chart represents students who are proficient and above. She states that each year the scores increased, and significant gains were made.
 - ii. **MAPS:** Dr. Spencer shares the MAP data for the years 2022-2024. She states that she wanted to magnify only the years she was a principal at Finch Elementary. Dr. Spencer continues to share that there has been a great increase in students in the proficient and distinguishing area in reading and math. She also states that there has been a significant decrease in the beginning level for reading and math.
- c. **Discussion Item 3: Signature Program- STEAM**
 - i. Dr. Spencer reminds everyone of Finch signature program which is STEAM. She shares about the STEAM day that was on August 16, 2024 and the different activities that took place on that day. Dr. Spencer states that the STEAM goals are for the school to expose the children, to continue building the STEAM program, and to move toward full certification. These goals are tools that are used so students can have full exposure to STEAM and for students to begin to choose careers that lead to choice filled lives. Dr. Spencer express that the school will move into full STEAM certification within the next two years.
- d. **Discussion Item 4: Readers are Leaders Programming**
 - i. Dr. Spencer conveys that the State of Georgia adopted a house bill. This means that all educators in the state of Georgia will have training specifically in teaching students how to read and reaching that foundational skills so students can become strong readers. Every staff members are completing professional learning centered around how to teach students how to read on Cox Campus.
- e. **Discussion Item 5: New Superintendent**
 - i. Atlanta Public Schools have a new superintendent. Dr. Spencer shares that the superintendent visited Finch on the first day after he was sworn in. He ate breakfast with the students, he walked around the school and spoke to teachers and students, and asked questions about the cultural at Finch and what are some of the things that we like and some of the issues that we maybe having with Finch and Atlanta Public Schools. Superintendent Johnson also wanted to create a clear plan for his work in

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Atlanta Public Schools for the first 100 days. The plan is centered around specifically academic acceleration and giving kids exactly what they need when they need it and how they need it. His plan also focus on equity and making sure that equitable opportunities for all students regardless of ability and background. Superintendent Johnson is focused around student and stakeholder engagement. Dr. Spencer shares how he is particular focus on hearing the voice of the community, such as hearing from teachers, leaders, and students and see what their needs are and how can he make them better. Additionally Superintendent Johnson has a strong focus centered around accountability for academic excellence and operational excellence. That looks like making sure that there is strong academic framework happening in school and a strong operational focus. Are schools using their budget to align with what the school needs, are schools running efficiently with facilities, transportation, nutrition, and etc. Dr. Spencer encourages members and viewers to read Superintendent Johnson's 100 Day Plan.

V. Announcements

- a. 2024 Go Team G3 Summit
- b. New Go Team Member Training & Orientation
- c. APS Rocks 5K and Fund Run- H.J. Russell West End Academy on 9/7/2024 @ 8:30 AM
- d. Grandparents Read In Day- September 10, 2024

VI. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Edwina Lawrence](#); Seconded by: [\[Insert Name\]](#)

Members Approving: Xixib Bailey, Tayana Mcknight, Kashon Caldwell, Adriana Sola, Tesia Gemrain

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 4:22PM

Minutes Taken By: [Tesia Germain](#)

Position: [Secretary](#)

Date Approved: [August 29, 2024](#)