

Finch Elementary

Date: 11/21/2024

Time: 3:30

Location: Zoom

I. Call to order: 3:35 PM

II. Roll Call

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

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items (add items as needed)

a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Dr.Regana Hill; Seconded by: Ms.Edwina Lawrence

Members Approving: Ms. Xiomara Bailey, Ms. Kashon Caldwell, Ms.Tatyana McKnight, Ms. Adriana Sola, Mr. Eric Thomas, Ms. Tesia Germain, Ms.Erin Gore

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Pass

b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *List amendments to the minutes:*

Motion made by: Dr. Regana Hill Seconded by: Ms.Tesia Germain

Members Approving: Ms. Edwina Lawrence, Ms. Xiomara Bailey, Ms. Kashon Caldwell, Ms. Tatyana Mcknight, Ms. Adriana Sola, Ms. Erin Gore

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Pass

c. **Action Item 1: Motion: Fill Vacant Seat- Community Member**

- **Eric Thomas as community member on Go Team**

Motion made by: Dr. Regana Hill; Seconded by: Ms. Edwina Lawrence

Members Approving: Ms. Kashon Caldwell, Ms. Xiomara Bailey, Ms. Tatyana Mcknight, Ms. Erin Gore, Ms. Tesia Germain, Ms. Adriana Sola

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

Action Item 2: Motion: Approve Changes to Strategic Plan

Motion made by: Dr. Regana Hill; Seconded by: Ms. Edwina Lawrence

Members Approving: Ms. Kashon Caldwell, Ms. Xiomara Bailey, Ms. Tatyana Mcknight, Ms. Erin Gore, Ms. Tesia Germain, Ms. Adriana Sola

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

Action Item 3: Motion: Approve New Logo

Motion made by: Ms. Erin Gore; Seconded by: Dr. Regana Hill

Members Approving: Ms. Kashon Caldwell, Ms. Xiomara Bailey, Ms. Tatyana Mcknight, Ms. Erin Gore, Ms. Tesia Germain, Ms. Adriana Sola, Ms. Edwina Lawrence

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

IV. Discussion Items

a. **Discussion Item 1: Strategic Plan**

- Dr. Spencer shared the updates of the strategic plan that was suggested at the last Go Team meeting. She stated that the one suggestion was to move “create a safe, nurturing, and caring culture for all students” to number three in the plan. However, the priority has been moved to number four to align with the overarching strategic priority and initiative of “building a culture of student support.” Dr. Spencer shared an additional suggestion which was to ensure that the school focuses on college and career awareness with field experiences in person and virtually with STEAM.

- Dr. Spencer reminded members of the school's SMART goals. She called attention to how the SMART goals align to the SIP and the continuous improvement plan.

b. **Discussion Item 2: School Logo**

- Dr. Spencer shared the new and improved logo for Finch Elementary. She stated that her goal is not to completely replace the old logo but to use both logos interchangeably whenever appropriate.

V. Information Items

a. **Principal's Report**

- Dr. Spencer shared a branding opportunity for the school by presenting a commercial. She continued to share how the commercial will be used to showcase the amazing things that are happening in the school, how good of a school Finch is and to her desire for people to choose their neighborhood school. Dr. Spencer also shared that many families in the community send their children to charter or private schools, but her goal is for them to choose their neighborhood school.
- Dr. Spencer also shared that she won the 2024-2025 Atlanta Public Schools Principal of the year.
- Dr. Spencer reported all the different activities that are going on in the school: kids practicing for basketball, Girl Scouts, reading bowl, and kids practicing for PEP squad. She shared how important it is for students to do activities outside of school which will help increase their motivation for academics. She shared that there will be a holiday performance with short skits.

VI. Announcements

- a. **Thanksgiving Break- November 18th- 22nd**
- b. **MAP Testing Window-December 2nd- December 13th**
- c. **Science Fair- December 12th**
- d. **Winter Break- December 23rd-January 3rd**
- e. **Next Meeting- January 23rd at 3:30PM**

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: Ms.Tayana McKnight Seconded by: Dr. Regana Hill

Members Approving: Ms.Kashon Caldwell, Ms. Xiomara Bailey, Ms. Erin Gore, Ms. Tesia Germain, Ms. Adriana Sola, Ms. Edwina Lawrence, Mr. Eric Thomas

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 3:56PM

Minutes Taken By: [Tesia Germain](#)

Position: [Secretary](#)

Date Approved: 1/30/25