

October Minutes

BEST Academy (6-12)

Date: 10/14/2021

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Virtual Mtg. (Zoom)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://atlantapublicschools-us.zoom.us/j/8360665245?pwd=NjFqS0dGM0hlc2dmMTc0b2FaZ0pUQT09&from=addon>

This meeting will not allow for Public Comment

- Call to Order – 5:53 by Dr. Jones
- Roll Call; Establish Quorum

| Role | Name (or Vacant) | Present or Absent |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Principal | Dr. Timothy D. Jones | P |
| Parent/Guardian | Mr. Eric Glover | P |
| Parent/Guardian | Ms. Latonia Kurtz | A |
| Parent/Guardian | Dr. Kenya Gilliard | P |
| Instructional Staff | Dr. Bruce Williams | P |
| Instructional Staff | Dr. Vernon Smart | NA |
| Instructional Staff | Mr. Ricky Davis | NA |
| Community Member | Mr. Keith Strickland | P |
| Community Member | Mr. Randy Fling | P |
| Swing Seat | Mr. Benjamin Battles | A |
| Student (High Schools) | Mr. Jaydon Aldridge | A |
| Student (High Schools) | Mr. Ansar Muhammad | A |

Special Guest: Carolyn Barnett (GO Team) & Ms. Kelley (BEST AP)

- Action Items
 - A. Approval of Agenda
 - B. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - September minutes were amended to include the change of GO Team Meetings to occur on the 2nd Thursday of each month instead of the 1st Thursday.
Approval moved by Mr. Fling and 2nd by Mr. Strickland.
 - C. Fill Vacant Positions
 - Members of the committee vote and unanimously approved each of the open instructional staff vacancies:
 - Mr. Terry Norman – A served 6 years as a para, completed the Atlanta Urban Teacher Residency Program) who will replace Dr. Smart (cannot sit on committee until after June 2022) and Ms. Cavett (3rd year teaching) who will fill position vacated by Mr. Davis.

Mr. fling asked for a review of each candidate

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- **Discussion Items**
 - A. Facebook Live Option –
Principal Jones charged Dr. Gilliard and Dr. Williams with researching the PROs and CONs) flexibility of using Zoom vs. Facebook live for public comments
 - B. **Esplot - Next mtg.** <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/esplot>
- **Information Items**
 - A. School Improvement Plan – Ms. Kelley
Ms. Kelley gave a brief synopsis of the School Improvement Plan (SIP). Through the SIP process, schools reflect on their goals, assess their progress and strategies, and refine their approach as needed. The end result is the school's roadmap for achieving excellence and providing each and every child with an exemplary college preparatory education.

She also spoke briefly on SLDS – Students leaving BEST, but not tracked to their new school, they are still listed under BEST.
 - B. **CARES Act Funding – Dr. Jones asked if this item may be placed on the November 11th Agenda; moved Mr. Fling/ 2nd by Mr. Strickland.**
- **Public Comment - None**
- **Announcements**
- **Dr. Jones submitted GO Team Agenda items for Nov 11th Meeting (650 million if approved splost)**
 - **Enrollment and /or leveling update**
 - **Universal screener information**
 - **Officer elections**
 - **Student equity**
 - **Enrollment**
 - **Cares Act funding**
 - **Elis Platform**
 - **School-wide interventions**
 - **Dr. Gilliard suggested BEST merchandise for adults/ students be added to the agenda.**
 - **Mr. Strickland suggested talk about ways to provide services to the 30318 area**
- **Next Meeting Date (11/11/2021)**
- **Adjournment at 6:21pm**

NOTE: Items appearing in RED moved to 11/11/21 meeting