



MEETING NOTICE

School	Date	Time	Location
BEST Academy (6-12)	1/14/21	5:30pm	Zoom Call (see below)

Notice Prepared By: Robert Williams

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Meeting Agenda

(agenda may be amended)

This meeting will not allow for Public Comment

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://atlantapublicschools-us.zoom.us/j/87634999729?pwd=dnhzU3lCOGNFV0tQUUtyWkl3TUdDdz09>

- I. Call to Order** Mr. Robert Williams @ 5:35PM
- II. Roll Call; Establish Quorum** : Members absent (Robbie Colbert)
- III. Action Items**
 - A. Approval of Agenda: Motion of approval by Robert Williams, 2nd by Mr. Glover
 - B. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion of Approval by Mr. Robert Williams, 2nd by Dr. Gilliard
 - C. SEL Activity “ Mr. Williams asked each member to write in what they are you expecting in 2021”
- IV. Discussion Items**
 - A. Discussion Item 1: Updates on (Greatschools.org)
 - Update of BEST Academy on Great Schools website: BEST have 4/5 stars and 15 reviews. BEST is rated about average in school quality compared to other schools in Georgia
 - B. Discussion Item 2: Committee Vision and Purpose:
 - Committees: Voice (Student Aspect)

- Mr. Strickland elaborated stated the Goal of our Student Voice should be emotional and physical
- Mr. Strickland indicated that our young men need to know how to stand for themselves. Mr. Strickland also stated we need to listen and hear our young men, guide them and assist them in fixing things that are wrong
- Mr. Strickland said that we need to look at rolling out student assessment/ surveys in February upon students return to the building
- As a collective body need to empower our students to be where they want to be
- A list of rules to teach your son was also added to the discussed (copy included)
- Recruiting: Mr. Williams, the goal is to recruitment additional students (Mr. Williams lead our recruitment efforts along with Dr. Gilliard)
 - Our goals include to present our 2nd annual STEM competition with elementary schools via ZOOM, meet with STEM elementary principals and report on how their previous students are doing at BEST, as well as working with counselors and parent liaisons
- Parent Engagement goal is to be good listener and advocate (Ms. Kurtz will lead this effort)
 - Goal is to get more parents to feel welcome, coming up with ways to make them feel they are a crucial part of the BEST family, and that their opinions matter (one idea is creating a BEST Facebook parent groups)

C. Discussion Item 3: Committee Breakout-SMART Goals

D. Strategic Plan

- Mr. Williams / Dr. Jones facilitated our 2020-21 strategic Plan, team members were instructed to peruse and make notes of questions or concerns. They shared the purpose of the strategic plan to inform our constituents of what the school wants to achieve in the future and how it plans to get there
- Ms. Epps-Primas spoke on Improving student mastery of core content knowledge, particularly in literacy and conceptional knowledge (STAR is a PLUS) 1A /1B to remain as is.
- #3 Implement a STEM < enriched curriculum
- No changes to Academic Program (Teacher Excellence)
- Purposeful and intentionally culture “SEL” (Mr. Gilliard)
- The BEST stories - Natalie Rouch our social media has 500 followers, twitter, Instagram
- Keith 30318 – Creating a space to the pipeline
- 7D - More opportunities to promote SEL beyond the curriculum
- Providing New teacher single gender strategies professional learning

V. Information Items

- A. Principal’s Report – APS Entry Plan (video clip) phase II Reopening plan, Mr. Williams sent out a link

Mr. Williams showed a video for people to view and reviewed different sections of video

VI. Announcements

- A. PSAT and SAT – administered on campus, Dr. Gilliard leading those efforts. SAT school day March 5th, all 11th graders can participate
 - i Many colleges not requiring SAT this academic year
- B. Spelling Bee – BEST schoolwide virtual Spelling Bee, 3 candidates from each grade level (6-8) competition will start at 10:30am on January 15th (link will be provided for the public)
- C. Leadership questions – N/A

Adjournment: Meeting ended at 6:49

Last revised on 1/6/2021