

## North Atlanta High School

Date: March 16, 2023

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: North Atlanta High School (Media Center)

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was call to order by Chair, D’Andra McPhail at 4:45 PM
- II. **Roll Call:** Secretary Mechelle Jones called the roll and asked members who were present to acknowledge their attendance when their name was called. The following responses were recorded:

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Curtis Douglass, Principal	Present
Parent/Guardian	Nakita Brown	Present
Parent/Guardian	Cidjah Somersall	Present
Parent/Guardian	Elizabeth Wickland	Present via Zoom
Instructional Staff	C. Mechelle Jones, Secretary	Present
Instructional Staff	D’Andra McPhail, Chair	Present
Instructional Staff	Liane LeMaster, Vice Chair	Present via Zoom
Community Member	Sue Kasun	Absent
Community Member	Maxima Galeana	Present via Zoom
Student	Tanner Adams	Absent
Student	Kameron Smith	Absent

**Quorum Established:** It was determined that a Quorum was established to continue with the business set forth on the Agenda.

### III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Nakita Brown; Seconded by: Maxima Galeana  
**Members Approving:** All members present  
**Members Opposing:** None  
**Members Abstaining:** None  
**Motion: Motion to approve agenda as set for Passed**
- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** (*Meeting Minutes considered were from February 16, 2023 and March 9, 2023*):  
 Motion made by: D’Andra McPhail; Seconded by: Liane LeMaster  
**Members Approving:** All members present  
**Members Opposing:** None

**Members Abstaining:** None

**Motion: Motion to approve Minutes from 2/16/2023 and 3/9/2023 meetings Passed**

Before we moved onto the next Action Items on the Agenda, Principal, Curtis Douglass wanted to address the questions that were posed by the Go Team members at the previous meeting:

- Where does the foundation come in in terms of budget? How can we use the foundation to maximize funding? *The Foundation covers needs that go beyond what included in general funding and pays for things such as (outside classes for Performing Arts; individual teacher grants; professional learning)*
- What happens when the CARES ACT funds run out? *This will be the last year for CARES Act funding and when it runs out it runs out. How can we sustain what we have? The District has directed schools to be mindful of any positions that are paid for through the CARES funds and should plan for the adjustments in the budget. Only 2 positions at North Atlanta are funded by CARES (CIS and Restorative Practice Coach). NA has made adjustment to address the changes.*
- The ELL numbers are low in the budget overview. How can we make sure that they are correct and that we are getting the proper funding for them? (We have more students than that in the program now.) *The ELL numbers are accurate. 176 students receive direct service; the total number of students classified as ELL is 433.*
- Do we need a community push to increase the number of students participating in gifted testing so we can maximize our gifted funding? *The current number of students coded as gifted is 551 (roughly 24% of the total student body). Mr. Douglass stated that he believes that NA does a good job identifying Gifted Students and therefore a “push” is not necessary; however, there will be a to recruit excellent teachers.*
- There is a difference in budget totals from one slide to the next. *The reason for the difference in the budget totals that had been presented twice prior to this meeting. Mr. Douglass stated that the budget is balanced, and the discrepancy was due to two positions has been excluded that the District had added (EBD and SELT).*
- Are we getting enough IB money from the district to pay for fees and training? *Mr. Douglass informed the Committee Members that there has been an increase in the IB budget; 2 new IB teachers have been approved.*
- Where is DLI reflected in the budget? *Mr. Douglass stated that it’s a matter of hiring teachers.*
- Could we check to see if the district will replace our Active Panels instead of us using the our money to replace them: *Mr. Douglass stated that the District has a 5 year warranty with the company and they are routinely serviced. Mr. Douglass also stated that the school has recently purchased several rolling panels.*

- c. **Action Item 1: Motion: Approval of Final Budget**  
Motion made by: D’Andra McPhail; Seconded by: Maxima Galeana  
**Members Approving:** All members present  
**Members Opposing:** None  
**Members Abstaining:** None  
**Motion: The motion to approve the final budget Passed**

#### IV. Discussion Items

- a. **Discussion Item 1:** Presentation of the final budget
- b. **Discussion Item 2:** School Logo Change: Mr. Douglass asked the Go Team to review several examples of North Atlanta’s school logo to begin the discussion of having one (1) unifying logo being that there are different variations used between the School and the District. It was determined by the Go Team that a new logo that best represent North Atlanta should be presented to the District for consideration and additional feedback from the community.

#### V. Information Items

- a. **Principal’s Report**
  - i. **ACES Presentation**
  - ii. **BASC-3 Results**

#### VI. Announcements: No additional announcements were made for the good of the Committee

#### VII. Adjournment

- Motion made by: Cidjah Somersall; Seconded by: Nakita Brown  
**Members Approving:** All members present  
**Members Opposing:** None  
**Members Abstaining:** None  
**Motion: Motion to adjourn the meeting passed**

**ADJOURNED AT 5:53 PM**

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**Minutes Taken By:** C. Mechelle Jones  
**Position:** Secretary  
**Date Approved:** May 4, 2023