

Gideons Elementary

Date: 2-28-24

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Virtual

I. Call to order: 5:04 PM

II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Robert Owens	Present
Parent/Guardian	Michelle Potter	Present
Parent/Guardian	Georginna Wright	Present
Parent/Guardian	Vacant	
Instructional Staff	Aukira Walker	Present
Instructional Staff		
Instructional Staff	Vacant	
Community Member	RaKya Burkes	Present
Community Member	Destinee Smith	Absent
Swing Seat	Aleah Ryan	Present
Student (High Schools)		

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: RaKya Burkes, Seconded by: Aukira Walker
Members Approving: Georginna Wright, RaKya Burkes, Michelle Potter, Aleah Ryan, Aukira Walker, Principal Owens
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion Passes
- b. **Fill Vacant Officer: Vice Chair of Go Team**
 - i. Aleah Ryan
Motion made by: RaKya Burkes, Seconded by: Michelle Potter
Members Approving: Georginna Wright, RaKya Burkes, Michelle Potter, Aleah Ryan, Aukira Walker, Principal Owens
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion Passes

c. **Approval of Previous Minutes:**

Motion made by: RaKya Burkes, Seconded by: Aukira Walker

Members Approving: Georginna Wright, RaKya Burkes, Michelle Potter, Aleah Ryan, Aukira Walker, Principal Owens

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

Motion Passes

Secretary will correct minutes from 1/24/24 to list Ms. Burkes was elected for the community member role and Ms. Ryan for the swing seat role. The minutes had both roles listed as swing seat by mistake.

IV. Discussion Items

a. **Family Engagement**

i. How do parents want to receive communication from the teacher?

Overall feedback from parents at this meeting is that parents would like teachers to initiate more communication about how their student is doing, what they are learning, etc.

1. Aleah Ryan – Topics she would like to receive more teacher feedback on: what her student is learning during the week, how is his behavior and how is he doing in school/is he on track, what is going well and what are the struggles. Currently kindergarten is receiving a newsletter. Teachers respond when parents reach out.
2. Georginna Wright – Receives text messages from teachers and is pleased with 2nd and 4th grade. She is not hearing as much from 5th grade teachers but they respond when she reaches out to them.
3. Michelle Potter – Her student's teachers respond when she reaches out to them. She requested a conference and the teacher created a very informative Powerpoint. She hears from other parents at Gideons that they also would like the school to initiate parent/teacher conferences and overall receive more communication initiated by teachers about how their students are doing.

b. Comment was made that Ms. Diop is doing a great job with family engagement.

V. Information

a. Attendance

- i. Principal Owens reported Gideons is currently 90.3, CCRPI is 62.7 meaning that 27.3% of students have missed 10 or more days.
- ii. "Attendance Buddies" – team student with a staff member to see if they are at school. Ms. Burkes says this also creates an opportunity for staff to build relationships with parents as well.
- iii. There are incentives for students with perfect attendance for the month as well as incentives for attending 10 days in a row.

b. Kindezi 2.0

- i. Principal Owens explained there will be two adults per classroom one instructional para and one teacher per classroom. The goal is to keep the classroom at 16 students maximum.

c. GMAS

- i. Principal Owens said there will be a Saturday bootcamp for students to prepare for the Georgia Milestones. (ELA/Math for 3rd/4th and ELA/Math/Science for 5th grade) April 29 will be the first day of testing.

d. Budget

- i. Principal Owens meets weekly with staff and monthly with COO on the school budget.
- ii. We are on track to receive 95-100% of awarded federal grants.
- iii. New initiative to record all purchase orders by March 22 for everything to be spent between now and the end of the year for events, awards, etc.

VI. Announcements

March 27 - Next meeting will be virtual at 5 PM.

March 21 - Teachers/parents and students basketball game PTA fundraiser, 5-8 PM
(*Math night plans are in progress – need to have it a different night than March 21.*)

April 16 - PTA meeting at 5 PM

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: RaKya Burkes Seconded by: Georginna Wright

Members Approving: Georginna Wright, RaKya Burkes, Michelle Potter, Aleah Ryan, Aukira Walker, Principal Owens

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 5:51 PM

Minutes Taken By: Michelle Potter

Position: Secretary

Date Approved: 2/28/24