

## E. Rivers Elementary

Date: 3/13/24

Time: 4:30pm

Location: Media Center or <https://tinyurl.com/3xae26ab>

- I. Call to order: Hardy call to order; Martinez second
- II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	John Waller	Present
Parent/Guardian	Cason Given	Present
Parent/Guardian	Gregg Smolar	Present
Parent/Guardian	Khaki Janusz	Present
Instructional Staff	Matthew Bryant	Present
Instructional Staff	Keekee Holloway	Arrive ~4:39pm
Instructional Staff	Devon Rusert	Arrive ~5pm
Community Member	Dr. Hersch Chopra	Present
Community Member	Marc Hardy	Present
Swing Seat	Megan Martinez	Present

Quorum Established: Yes

Link to slides to guide discussion: [slides link](#)

### III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Janusz; Seconded by: Martinez

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None-

**Motion Passes**

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

Motion made by: Bryant; Seconded by: Janusz

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

**Motion Passes**

- c. **Approval of the Budget** *(after final presentation/review):*

Motion made by: Janusz; Seconded by: Martinez

Members Approving: All  
Members Opposing: None  
Members Abstaining: None  
**Motion** Passes

## IV. Discussion Items

- a. **Discussion Item 1:** Presentation of the final budget
  - i. Review from last month: budget ~8.3M / largest budget allocation in Waller's tenure = healthy
  - ii. See [slides link](#) for additional detail on breakdown of funding allocations & how those allocations align with strategic priorities
- b. **Discussion Item 2:** Security Grant Survey
  - i. Gov. Kemp proposing \$45K / all schools throughout state → fund security grant / GADOE has asked schools to consider what might do with funding
  - ii. FT schl resource officer (SRO) ~100k / yr (salary + benefits) → two schools could potentially share one SRO
  - iii. Right now, APS security pool has 30 officer vacancies → staffing challenges
  - iv. Currently, no NA cluster schools have FT SRO
  - v. Waller: interior of building has ample lighting; interior of building has cameras, usually working → "pretty good camera sight-lines"
  - vi. Waller: parking lot & exterior of building / eg. playground, field house, field could use additional cameras
  - vii. Waller: no lights on the field; do not have adequate lighting in the bus lane
  - viii. Waller believes the survey is due by Friday to GADOE; does not believe that school is beholden necessarily to decision made
  - ix. Currently, mostly the district funds security features implemented
  - x. Waller: school is relatively new (~10 yrs) → has relatively updated safety features as compared to other schools
  - xi. Waller: admin team priority = SRO but has concerns about being able to secure one due to staffing challenges; therefore, field lighting & external cameras would be top priority for admin team
  - xii. Holloway: cameras on lower field would be beneficial
  - xiii. Waller: top 3 priorities = cameras, lighting & security aid to walk halls
- c. **Discussion Item 3:** Grade 4 teaming
  - i. Context: years ago, school had teaming at 3rd, 4th & 5th grade → at the time, IB did not support teaming based on the idea that IB unit plan would be diluted with multiple hands in it. Since, IB has heard lots of

feedback that is counter to this decision → now allow teaming if schools can affirm there is common planning time working towards IB planner

- ii. Under this plan, 3 math/science teachers & 3 reading/social studies teachers → 3 pairs of 2 → set of HRs share same 2 teachers
- iii. Advantages of teaming: expand teacher capacity; increased alignment across reading/social studies & math/science; kids exposed to two different teaching approaches; appropriate developmental arc towards middle school teaming; planning for four content areas instead of two; more time for science & social studies
- iv. Disadvantages of teaming: some kids benefit from being with one teacher & consistency across day; teachers have more parents to communicate with and more work to score/grade; two teachers to co-teach & plan with; teams can be relationship-dependent
- v. Next year: 6 teachers on 4th grade team; 2 DLI & 4 non-DLI
- vi. Other NA schools are all over the place w/r/t teaming

#### **V. Announcements**

- i. Marc Hardy has been selected to be part of the committee to identify new Supt. of APS
- ii. Committee is on smaller side: 20 ppl total
- iii. Another member of committee is now at NA but former Rivers parent as well

#### **VI. Adjournment:**

- i. Motion by Chopra; Second by Martinez
- ii. All in favor → passes

**ADJOURNED AT 5:34pm**

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**Minutes Taken By:** Cason Given

**Position:** GO Team Member, Secretary

**Date Approved:** [Insert Date When Approved]