

Burgess-Peterson Academy GO Team Swing Seat Election Meeting

Date: 4-13-16

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Principal's Conference Room at BPA

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Swing Seat Nominations from the Group
4. Swing Seat Voting
5. Announcements

Orientation Training Dates April 23, April 25, May 14, May 27

6. Adjournment

Atlanta Public Schools' Mission—With a caring culture of trust and collaboration, every student will graduate ready for college and career.

Role Call for Swing Seat Election Meeting of BPA GoTeam April 13, 2016 @5:30

Geraldine Thomas, Parent/Guardian	present	absent
Lewis Cartee, Parent/ Guardian	present	absent
Jeanne Fore, Parent/ Guardian	present	absent
Sue Ellen Wortzel/Community Member	present	absent
Marc Takacs/Community Member	present	absent
Melanie Searcy, Instructional Staff	present	absent
Melanie Sithole, Instructional Staff	present	absent
Tracy King-Holmes, Instructional Staff	present	absent
David White, Principal	present	absent

- Principal David White called the Swing Seat Election Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- Roll was called by Tracy King-Holmes. All members were present.
- Newly elected members Marc Takacs and Sue Ellen Wortzel were introduced to the team.
- Gail Burnett, Executive Director of the Office of Innovation visited us from Atlanta Public Schools.
- Principal White opened the floor for discussion for the vacant 3 year swing seat position.
- There was considerable discussion on three possible nominees:

Elaina Kaplain	Austin Dixon	Raven Grider
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attorney • Writer • Donated to the BPA mulch campaign • Generous with time • President of EACA • President of the Atlanta Bar Association • Live in the community • Can expand our reach • Didn't know if she would be interested 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director for Literacy in Action • Affiliated with Action Ministries • Net stretches far with fundraising resources • Lives in the community • Helps with adult literacy • Has been on several boards in East Atlanta • Direct connection to what we want • Attached to the community • Non-parent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young educator • Tech savvy • Bright, innovative • Not jaded by years of education • Expressed wanting to be involved if the opportunity presented itself • BPA Educator

- Our goal for the GoTeam is to work together on fundamental goals for our school. We are charged with setting the strategic plan for the school and it's the principal's job to carry it out.
- After considerable discussion, we looked back at what we decided we wanted in a team member. We wanted someone who displayed some of the following qualities:
 - *vision toward innovative practice
 - *school based solutions minded
 - *be able to look at what we need to change
 - *looked at things from a different perspective
 - *is able to bring resources to our community; possibly from corporate world; connections beyond our normal
 - *have access to other potential sponsors
 - *does not have to be connected to Burgess-Peterson Academy

- It was motioned by Lewis Cartee and seconded by Jeanne Fore to vote on Elaina Kaplan and Austin Dixon for the Swing Seat Position. The vote was 1 for Elaina Kaplan and 7 for Austin Dixon.
- Jeanne Fore motioned and Melanie Searcy seconded to extend the invitation to have Austin Dixon to fill our Swing Seat position if he was interested.
- There was one announcement for the GoTeam. Orientation Training Dates are April 23, April 25, May 14, and May 27. It was encouraged that we attend one the trainings as a team. The team members had already chosen dates. We have several team members going to each of the scheduled meetings.

April 23	April 25	May 14	May 27
Sue Ellen Wortzel Geri Thomas	Melanie Searcy Melanie Sithole	Tracy King-Holmes Lewis Cartee	David White Jeanne Fore Marc Takacs

- We will meet again as a team after May 27, 2016 to set officers
- It was motioned by Geri Thomas and seconded by Sue Ellen Wortzel to adjourn the meeting. We adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.