

BEST Academy (6-12)

Date: October 8, 2020

Time: 6pm

Location: <https://atlantapublicschools->

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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call; Establish Quorum**

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Dr. Timothy Jones	Present
Parent/Guardian	Mr. Eric Glover	Present
Parent/Guardian	Dr. Kenya Gilliard	Present
Parent/Guardian	Ms. Latonia Kurtz	Absent
Instructional Staff	Ms. Ruquanda Epps-Primas	Present
Instructional Staff	Vacant – Dr. Vernon Smart	Present
Instructional Staff	Vacant – Dr. Bruce Williams	Present
Community Member	Mr. Keith Strickland	Present
Community Member	Mr. Randy Fling	Present
Swing Seat	Mr. Robert Williams	Present
Student (High Schools)	Mr. Robbie Colbert Jr.	Absent

Guest Joshua Moore (Athletic Director) Present

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

- A. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: [Mr. E. Glover](#); Seconded by: [Mr. R. Williams](#)

Members Approving: All Members

Members Opposing: N/A

Members Abstaining: N/A

Motion Passes

- B. **Fill Vacant Positions**

Dr. Vernon Smart accepted the nomination to be a member of the GO Team (Staff) to replace Ms. Sheronda Gullatt-Cooper.

Open Position:	Staff
Nominee's Name:	Dr. Vernon Smart
GO Team Members In favor	Dr. Timothy Jones, Mr. Eric Glover, Dr. Kenya Gilliard, Ms. Ruquanda Epps-Primas, Mr. Keith Strickland, and Mr. Robert Williams
GO Team Members Opposed	N/A
GO Team Members Abstaining	N/A

Dr. Bruce Williams accepted the nomination to be a member of the GO Team (Staff) to replace Mr. Marcus Smith.

Open Position:	Staff
Nominee's Name:	Dr. Bruce Williams
GO Team Members In favor	Dr. Timothy Jones, Mr. Eric Glover, Dr. Kenya Gilliard, Ms. Ruquanda Epps-Primas, Mr. Keith Strickland, and Mr. Robert Williams
GO Team Members Opposed	N/A
GO Team Members Abstaining	N/A

Fill Open Community Member Seat:

Mr. Randy Fling accepted the nomination to be a member of the GO Team (Community Member).

Open Position:	Community Member
Nominee's Name:	
GO Team Members In favor	Dr. Timothy Jones, Mr. Eric Glover, Dr. Kenya Gilliard, Ms. Ruquanda Epps-Primas, Mr. Keith Strickland, and Mr. Robert Williams
GO Team Members Opposed	N/A
GO Team Members Abstaining	N/A

- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *List amendments to the minutes: SEL component for all community members by Mr. K. Strickland*
Motion made by: [Mr. R. Williams](#); Seconded by: [Ms. R. Epps-Primas](#)
Members Approving: Dr. T Jones, Mr. E. Glover, Dr. K. Gilliard, Ms. R. Epps-Primas, Mr. K. Strickland, and Mr. R. Williams
Members Opposing: N/A
Members Abstaining: N/A
Motion Passes

- D. **Positions**
- i. **Chair** – Dr. V. Smart (accepted nomination) [Passes](#)
 - ii. **Vice Chair** – Ms. R. Epps-Primas [Passes](#)
 - iii. **Cluster** – E. Glover nominated and Mr. K. Strickland self-nominated (Mr. K. Strickland conceded) [Passes](#)
 - iv. **Secretary** – Dr. B. Williams accepted nomination [Passes](#)

Appeal will be made for to have dual representation for Cluster Position.

- E. **For High Schools: Appoint Student Representative**
Student Representative: Robbie Colbert

- F. **Review and Approve Public Comment Format** Motion to adopt made by: [Dr. K. Gilliard](#); Seconded by: [Mr. R. Williams](#)
- GO Team Gmail should be reviewed and updated on Norms
 - Confirmed Zoom link, Google form sign-in, and next meeting announcement being available on the same date (at least two weeks in advance of meeting)
 - Confirmed Public Comment time will be from 6:10pm – 6:30pm (if items are still on the agenda for GO Team members the meeting will continue at 6:30pm)

Members Approving: Dr. T Jones, Mr. E. Glover, Dr. K. Gilliard, Ms. R. Epps-Primas, Dr. V. Smart, Dr. B. Williams, Mr. K. Strickland, and Mr. R. Williams
Members Opposing: N/A
Members Abstaining: N/A
Motion Passes

IV. Discussion Items

- A. **Discussion Item 1:**
Dr. Jones discussed the impact of decreased enrollment and the implications on:

- i. Fiscal – Dr. T. Jones indicated that there were state budget cuts (loss of 120k)
- ii. Staff – Due to budget cuts BEST lost one teacher, but since a staff member left due to a promotion BEST was able to keep all remaining staff members and shift the position to another teacher

Dr. Jones outlined a strategy to capture more students through the following efforts:

- i. STEM – 5 potential feeder schools, nobody can give that to them in APS, STEM extraganza, moving towards GA certification, and Covid-19 March 13th slowed recruitment effort due to General Administrative Transfer period taking place in March
- ii. Charter - BEST 1st second option and connection with APS charter network

B. Discussion Item 2: Student and Parent Voice

Mr. R. Williams reiterated the importance of seeking and understanding Student Voice and Parent Voice during the pandemic and beyond. He shared information regarding school surveys, parent workshops, one stop shop Zoom area, and access to Parent Liaison.

Dr. T. Jones made a motion to extend meeting and Mr. R. Williams seconded motion to further discuss items on the agenda.

V. Information Items

A. Principal's Report

Dr. T. Jones shared that one of our partners (Appademics) is no longer in business. He is going to connect Keith Hudson with Keith Strickland to see if any features of the app can be saved. There is an additional POD (Pathway of Development) being added to BEST with Truist and Humbl Hustlr. The organizations will be providing students with finance modules and entrepreneur skills.

VI. Announcements

- A. Fresh Start Mondays Link (provided in chat room)
- B. Athletic Update (Protocols and Program) by Joshua Moore (Athletic Director guest)
 - screens have to be done daily for covid screening at BEST
 - Fans at games beginning on October 23
 - Coaches are required to wear masks indoors and outdoors
 - No ticket sales for football, but can be purchased on-line
 - Basketball 25% capacity

- Middle school basketball is coming back – plans will be finalized soon
- Limit number of kids after practice to locker room (helmets and shoulder pads are only items in locker room) and are sprayed daily with disinfectant spray
- No water fountains (students are bringing gallon jugs of water, if they run out of water trainer can spray water in jugs)
- Kids are expected to come ready to play and practice for basketball
- Masks required in weight room and hand sanitation stations are in weight room
- Basketball cheerleaders will cheer from the stand
- Temperatures are taken daily with infrared thermometers

Mr. K. Strickland asked Coach Moore how he is doing. Coach shared that his network (Zoom meetings with coaches and clinics, Executive Board member, relationship with college coaches)

There is an E sports opportunity with the Immortal Gaming Club which provide support in engineering, business, and gaming. Bass fishing is will be available to students from November 2021 to May 2022.

A question was raised if a child is remote are they eligible to play sports. A conference will take place with those families.

C. Reopening

It appears that 80% of elementary families are in favor of reopening, but not necessarily in Douglass Cluster or middle/high school.

VII. Public Comment – No guest signed up for Public Comment or appeared on Zoom call

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Dr. T. Jones](#) Seconded by: [Mr. R. Williams](#)

Members Approving: Dr. T Jones, Mr. E. Glover, Dr. K. Gilliard, Ms. R. Epps-Primas, Dr. V. Smart, Dr. B. Williams, Mr. K. Strickland, and Mr. R. Williams

Members Opposing: N/A

Members Abstaining: N/A

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 7:13pm

Minutes Taken By: [Mr. R. Williams](#)

Position: [Swing Seat](#)

Date Approved: [October 10, 2020](#)