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# Call to order

A meeting of **Frederick Wilson Benteen Elementary School GO Team** was held at **Frederick Wilson Benteen Elementary School Conference Room #98** on **January 22, 2018**.

# Attendees

Attendees included **Brian Bowers, Wilma Brightharp, Shakira Hightower, Dr. Andrew Lovett, Allen Nichols, Vanessa Sanchez; along with guest attendees – Gerard Latimore, Travis Norvel, Chalanda Tucker**.

# Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: **Jalise Brett, Lance Robertson, Jim Williamson**.

# Approval of minutes

Minutes from the December 11, 2017, meeting were read and approved with the following correction: Attendees included: should include GO Team member Allen Nichols.

# Reports

## 2017-2020 Strategic Plan Review

Key Performance Measures has been updated. Benteen is expecting a rebound from last year’s dip on the ACCESS Assessment. Our Lexile Measure did increase last year. Attendance fell in May of 2017. Students can only be absent for 10% of the days of their expected days of enrollment. Results of our 2017 Climate Survey showed that the Benteen score was 87%, which placed us in the category of a 2-Star School. Our goal this year is to move more students to the proficient category. This strategic plan is the heart that pumps the finances at Benteen.

## Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Development Presentation

This process involves several steps. The first step includes the Data Overview. The second step includes the Strategic Plan Review. The third step involves Dr. Lovett having a one-on-one meeting with Dr. Emily Massey. After which, the GO Team will approve the draft budget, then it will go through the Jackson Cluster planning process. The projected 2019 budget is $3,505,008.00, with a projected enrollment of 252 students. Included in the budget is a proposal for a stipend for the IB Specialist. This stipend will allow this position to begin the school year five days before teachers and end five days after teachers. Next year, Benteen will split the cost a band teacher with other Jackson Cluster elementary schools. The East Atlanta

Village has donated $1,000.00, for the Benteen band program musical instruments. The budgeting process is placing more funds toward the lower grades. Benteen is projected to lose approximately 31 students for the 2018-2019 school year.

## School Based Solution Information

Next school year, it is projected that, Benteen will experience under enrollment. A Strategic School Based Solution : an elementary school in the Jackson Cluster is experiencing over enrollment, and rezoning of the Boulevard Heights and Woodland Heights would help to relieve the enrollment challenges at that school and boost the Benteen enrollment. A School Based Solution is being submitted to include a Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program at Benteen. Will be submitted 15 days after the GO Team approves. Invitations will be submitted to the community to meet in order to receive information and answers to any questions. Will tour existing DLI schools. Share information with Benteen Pre-K families and other preschool centers in the Benteen zoned area. Will also review feedback on social media.

# Unfinished business

There wasn’t any unfinished business to discuss.

# New business

There wasn’t any new business to discuss.

# Announcements

Wednesday, January 24, 2018, Benteen has three students who will be participating in the district’s One Fair.

Friday, January 26, 2018 – Benteen is our school level Spelling Bee, with the 2nd & 3rd grade Bee beginning at 9:00 a.m., and the 4th & 5th grade Bee beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 27, 2018 – Benteen has a team of five students competing in the APS Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl.

Summer 2018 – We are waiting to hear about the possibility of summer school at Benteen.

A representative from the Community in School program is coming to visit Benteen with the hopes of forming a partnership.

Benteen received a donation of $3,970.00, from the 5K proceeds earned back in September, 2017.

As of today, a total of $45,000.00, has been donated to our school.

## Adjournment

The January 22, 2018, meeting was adjournment at 4:20 p.m.

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| Wilma Brightharp |  |  February 12, 2018 |
| Secretary |  | Date of approval |