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# Call to order

A meeting of **Frederick Wilson Benteen Elementary School** was held at **Frederick Wilson Benteen Elementary School, in Conference Room #98** on **August 20, 2018**

# Attendees

Attendees included **Brian Bowers, Wilma Brightharp, Shakira Hightower, Kai Jackson, Dr. Andrew Lovett, Lance Robinson, Vanessa Sanchez, Dr. Tonya Sims, and Jim Williamson along guest attendee – Gerard Latimore**

# Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included **All current members were present**

# Approval of minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Mrs. Sanchez moved to accept the minutes from the last meeting with the correction of the spelling with the correction of the spelling of Kai Jackson and Gerard Latimore’s names. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bowers. The motion passed and the minutes were accepted with the aforementioned corrections.

# Reports

Vacant Seats: There is one vacant parent seat, and Dr. Lovett will try to have it filled by the next GO Team meeting. There was a vacant community seat, but Mr. Lance Roberson agreed to continue in the seat for another two-year term.

Election of GO Team Officers Chair – Dr. Tonya Sims, Vice President – Wilma Brightharp, Secretary – Kai Jackson

Election of Cluster Representative: Vanessa Sanchez was elected as Benteen’s Cluster

Finalizing of Meeting Schedule: Mrs Sanchez made a motion to meet every other month, one the third Monday, and at 4:00 p.m. The specific dates include: August 20, 2018, October 15, 2018, December 17, 2018, February 11, 2019, March 4, 2019, and April 22, 2019. The motion was seconded Ms. Jackson. Motion passed, and 2018-2019 GO Team will meet on the aforementioned dates.

Public Comment Format: Dr. Sims made a motion to continue with the Public Comment Format from the 2018-2019 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sanchez. The approved motion states that individuals with a desire to speak at a Benteen GO Team meeting will be able to sign-up online or in the school’s office. We will continue to reserve five 2-minutes slots for the iindividuals that signed up to speak to the Team. To accommodate our non-English speaking population, we will employ the services of an Atlanta Public Schools World Language Department’s interpreter at the meeting where public comments are included on the agenda.

Strategic Planning: Dr. Lovett provided each member with a copy of the FW Benteen ES Strategic Plan, and provided an overview.

Principal’s Report: Dr. Lovett shared the Benteen motto and vision. He shared with the Team that there are four new staff members on board this school year. A recap of the Benteen 2017-2018 School Year included:

* The school raised nearly $60,000
* The school had the third highest culture score in the district
* Second year International Baccalaureate candidate school
* Approved to become a Dual Language Immersion school
* Increased business partnership
* Increased our achievement on the 2018 Georgia Milestone Assessment System
* Continuing with units of study, Eureka Math, Harcourt Science, and District Instructional Practices, Knowledge of Data, and Moby Max for K-5
* We are currently 20 students over our projection for this school year
* DLI at Benteen was launched on Monday, August 1, 2018, with 49 kindergarten students. Our DLI teacher is Aminta Garay, and the paraprofessional assigned to the class is Vanessa Sanchez
* Will begin tours for this school year on tomorrow, August 21st
* Englewood Beltline will make Benteen a benefactor of the development

# Unfinished business

Not available at this meeting

# New business

Not available at this meeting.

# Announcements

1. PTA Meeting – Tuesday, August 28, 2018, 5:00 p.m. will share the Draft of Strategic Plan
2. First IB Visit (Muffin for Mom) – Friday, August 31, 2018, 9:00 a.m.
3. Grandparents’ Day at Benteen – Friday, September 7, 2018
4. Jackson Cluster Night at Grady Stadium – Friday, September 7, 2018, 5:30 p.m.
5. Doughnuts for Dads and IB Conversation – Friday, September 14, 2018, 9:00 a.m.
6. National Hispanic Heritage Month – September 15th – October 15th
7. Commit to King Fall Festival – Saturday, October 20th
8. Pancakes for Parents and IB Conversation – Tuesday, October 30, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

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| Wilma S. Brightharp |  | October 15, 2018 |
| Secretary |  | Date of approval |