

BOLTON ACADEMY

Date: **September 18, 2024**

Time: **6:30pm**

Location: **Zoom recording at**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1VkqWTUgyc>

- I. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Nikki Knox at 6:36pm
- II. **Roll Call:**

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Shavaun Mincey	Present
Parent/Guardian	Joanna Caceres-Aponte	Absent
Parent/Guardian	Meredith Castelan	Present
Parent/Guardian	Nikki Knox	Present
Instructional Staff	Michael Armstrong	Present
Instructional Staff	Celine Browne-Roberts	Present
Instructional Staff	Nicole Hinton	Present
Community Member	Avina Gupta	Present
Community Member	Marie Cruzado Jeanneau	Present
Swing Seat	LaKeitha Carlos	Absent

Quorum Established: **Yes, (7/9)**

III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: **Marie Cruzado Jeanneau**; Seconded by: **Michael Armstrong**
Members Approving: Shavaun Mincey, Meredith Castelan, Nikki Knox, Celine Browne-Roberts, Nicole Hinton, Avina Gupta
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion The motion to approve agenda passes

- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motion made by: **Michael Armstrong**; Seconded by: **Nicole Hinton**
Members Approving: Shavaun Mincey, Meredith Castelan, Nikki Knox, Celine Browne-Roberts, Avina Gupta, Marie Cruzado Jeanneau
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:

Motion The motion to approve previous meeting minutes passes

IV. Discussion Items

- a. **Discussion Item 1:** School strategic plan
 - i. Strategic plan & priorities review
 - 1. The strategic plan for years 2021-2026 was created by the 2021 GO Team.
 - 2. Focus on increasing student performance in ELA
 - 3. Focus on increasing student performance in Math
 - 4. Embed a data-driven, multi-tiered system of support to improve our English Learner performance
 - 5. Implement the enhanced IB PYP model with fidelity
 - 6. Goal to improve the standard rate of progress by 3% this year
 - 7. Success will be measured by growth data and the MAP assessment
 - ii. Ms. Mincey will reach out to GO Team to ensure all documents are updated. Last year language was changed to not include a math resource.
 - iii. Reviewed how strategic plan priorities were ranked in Spring 2024 (ranked based on student scores)
 - iv. Reviewed continuous improvement plan and how the strategic plan impacts the continuous improvement plan
 - v. The school has a dedicated math coach and extended planning sessions for teachers
- b. **Discussion Item 2:** MAP & GA Milestones data
 - i. Ms. Mincey presented data on the reading and math performance of students in grades 3 to 5, comparing their results from the previous year to the current year.
 - ii. Ms. Mincey explained that the colors in the data represent different performance levels:
 - 1. Yellow indicating an average performance
 - 2. Green indicating a high average performance
 - 3. Glue indicating a high performance
 - iii. The group discussed “glows” and “grows” – what the data tells us about what’s going well and opportunities for improvement.
 - 1. In general, there is increase in student achievement in reading and writing.
 - a. 3rd grade results increased by 30% over a span of 2 years (2022-2024)

- b. 5th grade results increased 18% proficiency over a span of 2 years (2022-2024)
 - c. Students scoring at the beginning level continues to decrease year after year
 2. 4th grade GA Milestones ELA scores decreased slightly. Ms. Mincey shared that the adoption of a new literacy curriculum was not a good fit for students and teachers. Bolton will be adopting a different curriculum for the year ahead.
 3. The group discussed targeted ways to support individual students: multi-tiered system of support used to identify students that are facing obstacles (attendance, behavior, grades, and standardized assessments)
 4. Ms. Mincey attributed the achievements to teachers, coaches, and admin team, as well as strategic scheduling. For 5th grade, she expects continued achievement for 2024/2025 due to the addition of a new 5th grade teacher and smaller class sizes.
- c. **Discussion Item 3: Optional school uniform**
 - i. Diana Jacobi shared, as background, that in June 2024 the Atlanta Public School Board of Education approved a new APS-wide dress code. Given the new dress code, any school that prefers a dress code specific for their school for the 2025-2026 school year must engage in a community review process.
 - ii. Historically, Bolton Academy had a school uniform policy years ago which dissolved during the pandemic. Post-pandemic students wear their personal clothing of their own choosing.
 - iii. The group discussed concerns about equity and perceptions, and if uniforms would create a more equitable environment.
 - iv. The group discussed if there is an impact on student behavior at the school currently. The school has not experienced significant distractions from clothing, unlike other schools.
 - v. The group discussed the financial burden uniforms will put on families. Even if a uniform was optional, it could strain household incomes.
 - vi. At this time, the group decided not to explore an optional school uniform for 2025.

V. Information Items

- a. **Principal's Report**
 - i. No additional information shared.
- b. **Cluster Advisory Team Report**

- i. A Cluster Advisory Team organizational meeting was held on September 18, 2024. During this meeting, APS Superintendent, Dr. Bryan Johnson, spoke about security measures and 2025 budget planning.

VI. Announcements

- a. Dr. Bryan Johnson, APS superintendent, will meet with Spanish-speaking families at Agape on Thursday, September 19, 2024.
- b. G3 Summit will be held on Saturday, September 28 from 8:30am-2:30pm. Three GO Team members from each school are encouraged to attend.
- c. The North Atlanta cluster listening session with Dr. Bryan Johnson is scheduled Thursday, November 7 at 6pm at North Atlanta High School.

VII. Public Comment none

VIII. Adjournment Motion made by: [Celine Browne-Roberts](#); Seconded by: [Marie Cruzado Jeanneau](#)

Members Approving: Shavaun Mincey, Meredith Castelan, Nikki Knox, Michael Armstrong, Nicole Hinton, Avina Gupta

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion [Motion to adjourn the GO Team meeting passes](#)

ADJOURNED AT 7:55pm

Minutes Taken By: [Meredith Castelan](#)

Position: [Secretary](#)

Date Approved: [October 8, 2024](#)