

BOLTON ACADEMY

Date: October 8, 2024

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Zoom recording at

<https://www.youtube.com/live/ZvSt1BaDYWw?si=7GRF28gCBxgPEh6m>

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

Role	Name	Present or Absent
Principal	Shavaun Mincey	Present
Parent/Guardian	Joanna Caceres-Aponte	Present
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, (8/9)

III. Action Items

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

- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motion made by: [Avina Gupta](#); Seconded by: [Michael Armstrong](#)
Members Approving: Shavaun Mincy, Joanna Caceres-Aponte, Meredith Castelan, Nikki Knox, Celine Browne-Roberts, Nicole Hinton, Marie Cruzado Jeanneau
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:

Motion The motion to approve previous meeting minutes passes

IV. Discussion Items

- a. **Discussion Item 1:** Georgia Milestones – student growth percentiles
 - i. Shavaun Mincey highlighted that Bolton Academy achieved growth in every content area across all grades. Additionally, Bolton stands at #3 in the North Atlanta cluster for math scores.
 - ii. Bolton demonstrates growth at an accelerated speed. In 2024, students scored 7% higher in math and 5% higher in ELA compared to 2023.
 - iii. Shavaun Mincey shared student growth percentiles and subgroup performance by race and ethnicity. Historically in Atlanta Public Schools, white and Asian students perform higher compared to other subgroups. The data for Bolton Academy presents those same gaps, but the gaps are not as wide as they are across other Atlanta public schools.

- b. **Discussion Item 2:** Inclusivity initiatives at Bolton
 - i. Shavaun Mincey shared that she recently received feedback from families that the winter and spring celebrations which take place at school lean more towards centering Christian holidays than other cultural holidays. This experience doesn't feel inclusive.
 - ii. The group discussed ideas for embracing and celebrating the rich diversity at Bolton Academy, including two International Weeks (one in the winter and one in the spring). Each international week would provide an opportunity for students to research and write about an international country, culture, or tradition.
 - iii. The curriculum would be a school-based approach, not a class-by-class experience.

V. Information Items

- a. **Principal's Report** - Security Grant Update
 - i. Shavaun Mincey shared that things are in progress in this area and she will be able to share more at our next meeting.

VI. Announcements

- a. Literacy Night is tomorrow, Wednesday October 9
- b. SOFI's Cup is on Saturday, October 19
- c. Book Character Dress-Up Day & Concert (K-2) is on Thursday, October 31
- d. Fall Festival is on Saturday, November 2
- e. SOFI Night is Saturday, March 22

- f. The North Atlanta cluster listening session with Dr. Bryan Johnson is scheduled for Thursday, November 7 at 6pm at North Atlanta High School.
- g. Next GO Team meeting is Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30pm.

VII. Public Comment none

VIII. Adjournment Motion made by: [Avina Gupta](#); Seconded by: [Nicole Hinton](#)

Members Approving: Shavaun Mincy, Joanna Caceres-Aponte, Meredith Castelan, Nikki Knox, Michael Armstrong, Marie Cuzado Jeanneau, Celine Browne-Roberts

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

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

ADJOURNED AT 7:41pm

Minutes Taken By: [Meredith Castelan](#)

Position: [Secretary](#)