

Continental Colony (CCES)

Date: **September 4, 2025**

Time: 4:30 pm

Recording: **Yes**

I. Call to order: 4:39 pm

II. Roll Call

Role	Name <i>(or Vacant)</i>	Present or Absent
Principal	Kristen Horton	P
Parent/Guardian	Mariyam Drammeh	P
Parent/Guardian	BigGurl Carr	A
Parent/Guardian	Vacant	
Instructional Staff	Marquisha Sanders	P
Instructional Staff	Cecilia Battle	P
Instructional Staff	Tauheedah Uthman	P
Community Member	Carolyn Strozier	P
Community Member	Vacant	
Swing Seat	Vacant	
Guest	Tracie Astin	P
Guest	Joycelyn Gore	P

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

A. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion made by: C. Strozier

Seconded by: M. Drammeh

Members Approving: 5

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

B. **Fill Vacant Positions: Parent Seat**

i. Nominee: Joycelyn Gore, Parent and Teacher at CCES (confirmed)

C. **Open Community Member Seat**

i. Currently, no nominee at this time. Ms. Uthman will send Dr. Horton a possible candidate.

D. **Open Swing Seat**

- i. Nominee: Tracie Astin, School Improvement Support for CCES
(confirmed)

Motion made by: C. Strozier

Seconded by: M. Drammeh

Members Approving: 5

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

E. Approval of Previous Minutes (4/17/25)

Motion made by: C. Strozier

Seconded by: M. Drammeh

Members Approving: 5

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

F. Election of Officers and Representatives

- i. Chair: Nominee - T. Uthman (confirmed for year 2)
- ii. Vice Chair: Nominee - M. Sanders (confirmed)
- iii. Secretary: Nominees – C. Strozier (declined), T. Astin (confirmed)
- iv. GO Team Cluster Representative: T. Uthman (confirmed)

Motion made by: C. Strozier

Seconded by: M. Drammeh

Members Approving: 5

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

G. Public Comment Protocol

The GO Team reviewed the requirements.

Last Year: 4 Meetings were held and public comment was at the end of the agenda. A Google sheet was available for advance sign-up.

Changes:

- 1) It was suggested to add more communication whereby parents can see that the public can attend meetings. Give more opportunities to sign up and advertise more. Currently, the information is on the school's website. Recommend posting on Class Dojo also.
- 2) Add more opportunities by opening the floor the last 20 minutes at all 6 meetings instead of the last 4 meetings.

H. Meeting Calendar

The requirements were discussed and reviewed.

Dates as follows:

First Semester: Oct 23, Nov 20

Second Semester: Jan 29, Feb 12, March 12, Apr. 23

Dr. Horton will send a calendar invite prior to all meetings.

Approval of Meeting Calendar:

Motion made by: M. Drammeh

Seconded by: T. Uthman

Members Approving: 5

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

I. GO Team Meeting Norms

The team agreed to adopt the initial meeting norms (no changes).

Motion made by: M. Drammeh

Seconded by: T. Uthman

Members Approving: 5

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

IV. Discussion Items

A. Stakeholder Engagement At Our School (Exercise)

i. Inform, Input, Invite

1. 4 Groups: Families, Students, Staff and Community
2. Strategic Plan Ideas:
 - a. Bring Your Parent To Work Day: Last week in September (Mon., Tues., & Wed.) and First Week in October (Mon., Tues., & Wed.) 1 day per grade level. Parents come in the morning and data talks.
 - b. Families: Post Card Patrol, Room Parent
 - c. Student Engagement: Basketball Court Mural, Pod Cast (student led), Media Club: 8-10 minutes video
 - d. Staff: Create videos (TikTok, Instagram, FaceBook) to increase morale of the staff; more staff outings to build relationships; kickball league.
 - e. Community: suggestion box; what's working, how can we improve?
 - f. Engagement of students & staff videos.
 - g. Fundraisers: Each grade level can support a fundraiser.

V. Information Items.

A. Principal's Update

i. APS Personal Electronic Device Policy (PED)

1. Students are no longer able to have devices during the day.

2. Next year expand to other personal devices like watches, tablets and headphones.
3. The PED policy can be found on CCES and APS websites.
4. At CCES, Pre K – 3 does not have a PED problem. However, for 4th and 5th grade the teachers collect cell phones at the beginning of the day and give it back at 2 pm to keep distractions down.
- ii. Leveling & FY26 Budget Adjustments
 1. CCES projected enrollment was 368. At the 15 day count the enrollment was 315 which was a difference of 53 students. The budget adjustment was \$0. CCES did not lose funds or teachers because they are holding us harmless.
- iii. Comprehensive Long-Range Facilities Plan
 1. Several scenarios for repurposing buildings.
 2. Upcoming Public Meetings: August 25th, October 20th, November 10th. Virtual meetings at noon; In-person at 6 pm at the CLL building.
 3. Therrell Cluster: 2 Scenarios
 - a. Repurposing Kimberly E.S.
 - b. Repurposing Continental Colony E.S.
 - c. No changes until FY27-28, then a timeline . Tune in virtually or in-person for more information.

VI. Announcements

- A. In-person G3 Summit – Saturday, September 27th from 8:30 am-2:30 pm. @ Atlanta College & Career Academy.
- B. Community Conversation - September 4th @ 6 pm. This is the opportunity to engage with District 6 Board Member Representative and ask questions. The meeting is held via zoom.
- C. GO Team New Members: Remember to complete your training

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: T. Uthman

Seconded by: M. Drammeh

Members Approving: 5

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion

ADJOURNED AT: 5:33 PM

Minutes Taken By: Carolyn Strozier

Position: GO Team Interim Secretary

Date Approved