

Meeting Minutes

Deerwood Academy

Date: 12.08.2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Deerwood Academy Zoom

- I. Call to order: 6:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Camisha Perry	Present
Parent/Guardian	Dionne Williams	Present
Parent/Guardian	Electra Evans	Present
Parent/Guardian	Kierra Taplin	Present
Instructional Staff	Anne Davis	Present
Instructional Staff	Tracie Reese	Present
Instructional Staff	Deedre Richardson Rice	Present
Community Member	Bill Selmon	Present
Community Member	Amber Scott	Present
Swing Seat	Princess Thorpe	Present
Student (High Schools)		

Guests Present: None

Quorum Established: YES

III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Bill Selmon; Seconded by: Deedre Richardson Rice
 Members Approving: 7
 Members Opposing: 0
 Members Abstaining: 0
Motion Passed
- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *List amendments to the minutes:*
 Motion made by: Bell Selmon Seconded by: Deedre Richardson Rice
 Members Approving: 7
 Members Opposing: 0
 Members Abstaining: 0
Motion Passed

c. **Action Item 1: Fill Vacant Seat**

- i. Ms. Perry nominates Amber Scott for the open Community Member seat. She is the founder of the Leap Year Program which helps first generation college students prepare for college. The students in her program volunteer tutor at Deerwood Academy with our 2nd grade students.
- ii. Ms. Scott accepted the nomination. She has experience being on a GO Team at Inman Middle. She is excited to be a Deerwood Academy.
- iii. There are no other nominations

Motion made by: Princess Thorpe; Seconded by: Bill Selmon

Members Approving: 8

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion Pass: Ms. Amber Scott was installed as a Community Member of our GO Team

IV. Discussion Items

- a. **Discussion Item 1: 2021 Strategic Plan Priorities, School Innovations, Ideas and Recommended Changes**

Ms. Perry reviewed the Strategic Plan for the GO Team

- i. Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum
- ii. Math with a focus on Balance Numeracy
- iii. Increase teacher student data fluency to monitor progress and growth
- iv. PK – 5th writing with focus on idea development, organization and coherence
- v. Increase teacher efficacy in math, literacy, data fluency and IB
- vi. Build in systems and resources to support priorities 1-5
- vii. Build systems to maximize student support services resources
- viii. Build parent and community engagement and capacity
- ix. Provide students with services that directly effect their social and emotional needs
- x. Enhance the culture of the school and cluster

Ms. Taplin is wondering if our strategic plan needs to address virtual learning. Perhaps we can add that to the “resources” field.

After discussion, a suggestion was made to add language that addresses virtual instruction.

A suggestion was made to change the language of number 6 to: “Build in systems and resources to support priorities 1-5 in a face to face as well as virtual environment”.

Ms. Perry asked if anyone had any school innovations, ideas and recommended changes. None were offered from the team.

V. Information Items

a. Principal's Report

- i. Planning for January Face to Face Return
- ii. Surveys, Plan Process, People, Protect

Ms. Perry encouraged parents to take the survey. She shared that the 3 models being looked at are face to face, virtual and virtual academy. Teachers are currently preparing for face to face in January during asynchronous Wednesdays. Decisions by the district will be made by looking at the health information and recommendations. Legionnaire tests are being conducted throughout the county. Deerwood is cleared for legionnaires. Dr. Balom has received all of our requested PPE. Deerwood used a lot of our budget to provide students and teachers with as much individual materials and PPE as possible.

Ms. Williams was wondering about the technology to be used by the students during reopening. Ms. Perry shared that the district applied and received a grant to provide 1 to 1 technology for students in the building. Current distributed technology will stay at home and the new devices will stay at school. Ms. Williams also asked about desk dividers. Ms. Perry shared that students will have acrylic dividers that sit on their desk. Dr. Balom described the dividers.

Ms. Taplin wants to know if we can share the preparations made by administration. Ms. Perry shared that she cannot commit to sharing what it will look like when we return as she needs more information regarding staff and students plans to return, both of which will significantly effect how school is scheduled.

Ms. Scott was wondering if the plans to reopen in January will at all be effected by the data regarding COVID numbers. Ms. Perry shared that the district will still use the health data check as a part of the decision to return.

VI. Announcements

a. Coca Cola Partnership

We now have a partnership with Coca Cola. We have 18 volunteers who will work with our 3rd grade scholars on reading comprehension using Book Nook

b. Inclusive Schools Week

We are celebrating inclusivity with our scholars. Each day we have a dress up day to show support. Inclusion means that we include people who are different than us.

c. Parent Academy

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On Tuesday we will have our last Parent Academy for 2020. Kindergarten will be featured.

VII. Public Comment

No one has signed up for public comment

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by: Princess Thorpe Seconded by: Deedre Richardson Rice

Motion Passed

ADJOURNED AT 6:30 pm

Minutes Taken By: Anne Davis

Position: GO Team Secretary

Date Approved: [Insert Date the Minutes are **APPROVED** by the GO Team]