**Deerwood Academy**

**Date: September 3, 2025**

**Time: 6:00pm**

**Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_WvsIJ6fctE**

1. **Call to order:** 6:12pm
2. **Roll Call**

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| **Role** | **Name** *(or Vacant)* | **Present or Absent** |
| **Principal** | **Ms. Joy Antone** | **Present** |
| **Parent/Guardian** | **Ms. Tamara Glass** | **Present** |
| **Parent/Guardian** | **Ms. Sherica Davis** | **Present** |
| **Parent/Guardian** | **Ms. Sarah Jones** | **Present** |
| **Instructional Staff** | **Mr. James Myles** | **Present** |
| **Instructional Staff** | **Ms. Jolita King** | **Present** |
| **Instructional Staff** | **Ms. Charlotte Scott** | **Present** |
| **Community Member** | **Dr. Johnathan Gayles** | **Absent** |
| **Community Member** |  |  |
| **Swing Seat** | **Shirah Smith-Fraizer** | **Present** |
| **Student** *(High Schools)* |  |  |
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**Quorum Established:** Yes

1. **Action Items** 
   1. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Mr. Myles Seconded by: Ms. King

Members Approving: Ms. Scott, and Ms. Smith-Fraizer

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

**Motion** Pass

* 1. **Fill Vacant Positions**

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| **Vacant Position:** | ***Staff*** |
| **Nominee’s Name:** | Ms. Scott |
| GO Team Members  **In favor** | Mr. Myles, Ms. King, and Ms. Smith-Fraizer |
| GO Team Members **Opposed** |  |
| GO Team Members **Abstaining** |  |
| **Vacant Position:** | ***Staff*** |
| **Nominee’s Name:** | Mr. Myles |
| GO Team Members  **In favor** | Ms. Scott, Ms. King, Ms. Glass, and Ms. Smith-Fraizer. |
| GO Team Members **Opposed** |  |
| GO Team Members **Abstaining** |  |
| **Vacant Position:** | ***Staff*** |
| **Nominee’s Name:** | Ms. King |
| GO Team Members  **In favor** | Mr. Myles, Ms. Scott, Ms. Glass, and Ms. Smith-Fraizer |
| GO Team Members **Opposed** |  |
| GO Team Members **Abstaining** |  |
| **Vacant Position:** | ***Parent*** |
| **Nominee’s Name:** | Ms. Glass |
| GO Team Members  **In favor** | Ms. Smith-Fraizer, Mr. Myles, and Ms. King |
| GO Team Members **Opposed** |  |
| GO Team Members **Abstaining** |  |
| **Vacant Position:** | ***Parent*** |
| **Nominee’s Name:** | Ms. Davis |
| GO Team Members  **In favor** | Ms. King, Mr. Myles, and Ms. Smith-Fraizer |
| GO Team Members **Opposed** |  |
| GO Team Members **Abstaining** |  |

* 1. **Fill Open Community Member Seat:** Unable to obtain a nominee at this time

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| **Open Position:** | **Community Member** |
| **Nominee’s Name:** |  |
| GO Team Members  **In favor** |  |
| GO Team Members **Opposed** |  |
| GO Team Members **Abstaining** |  |

* 1. **Fill Open Swing Seat**

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| **Nominee’s Name:** | **Nominated by** | GO Team Members  **In favor** |
| **Ms. Smith-Fraizer** | Principal Antone | Ms. King, Mr. Myles and Ms. Scott |
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GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting:

**SWING SEAT RESULT: Ms. Smith-Fraizer**

* 1. *For High Schools***: Appoint Student Representatives**

**Student Representative 1:** [Insert Name of Student Representative]

**Student Representative 2:** [Insert Name of Student Representative]

* 1. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *List any amendments to the minutes:*

Motion made by: [Insert Name]; Seconded by: [Insert Name]

Members Approving:

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

**Motion** [Passes/Fails]

* 1. **Election of Officers and Representatives** 
     1. **Chair: Result:** Ms. Scott

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| **Officer Position:** | **Chair** |
| **Nominee Name** | GO Team Members **In favor** of Nominee |
| **Ms. Scott** | Mr. Myles, Ms. Glass, Ms. King, and Ms. Smith-Fraizer |
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GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting:

* + 1. **Vice Chair: Result:** Mr. Myles

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| **Officer Position:** | **Vice Chair** |
| **Nominee Name** | GO Team Members **In favor** of Nominee |
| **Mr. Myles** | Ms. Scott, Ms. Glass, Ms. King, and Ms. Smith-Fraizer |
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GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting:

* + 1. **Secretary: Result:** Ms. King

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| **Officer Position:** | **Secretary** |
| **Nominee Name** | GO Team Members **In favor** of Nominee |
| **Ms. King** | Ms. Scott, Ms. Glass, Ms. Smith-Fraizer, and Mr. Myles |
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GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting:

* + 1. **Cluster Representative: Result:** Ms. Smith-Fraizer

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| **Officer Position:** | **Cluster-Representative** |
| **Nominee Name** | GO Team Members **In favor** of Nominee |
| **Ms. Smith-Fraizer** | Ms. Scott, Mr. Myles, Ms. Glass, and Ms. King |
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GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting:

* 1. **Review and Approve Public Comment Protocol**

**1. Public Comment Is Not Mandatory at Every Meeting**  
GO Teams are not required to include a Public Comment period at every meeting. However, it should be scheduled when major action items needing community input are on the agenda.

**2. Plan and Structure Public Comment Thoughtfully**  
When included, Public Comment should be scheduled at a specific time (e.g., a 20-minute segment with 2 minutes per speaker). The timing should align with the school community’s availability to encourage participation.

**3. Establish a Clear and Transparent Process**  
Provide clear instructions for how individuals can sign up to speak. During Public Comment, GO Team members should listen without responding, using the feedback to help inform decisions.

**4. Encourage Ongoing Community Engagement**  
Remind stakeholders that Public Comment during meetings is just one way to share input. Encourage continued dialogue outside of meetings, GO Team members and special sessions can also serve as valuable feedback channels.

Motion to adopt made by: Mr. Myles Seconded by: Ms. Glass

Members Approving: Ms. Scott, Ms. Smith-Fraizer, and Ms. King

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining

**Motion** Pass

* 1. **Set GO Team Meeting Calendar** *(GO Teams are required to have a minimum of 6 business meetings, with at least 4 allowing for Public Comment)*

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|  | **Date** | **Time** | **Virtual or Hybrid** | **Time for Public Comment? (Yes/No)** |
| **1** | **September 9, 2025** | **6pm** | **Virtual** | **No** |
| **2** | **October 28, 2025** | **6pm** | **Virtual** | **Yes** |
| **3** | **December 16, 2025** | **6pm** | **Virtual** | **Yes** |
| **4** | **January 20, 2026** | **6pm** | **Virtual** | **No** |
| **5** | **February 10, 2026** | **6pm** | **Virtual** | **Yes** |
| **6** | **March 3, 2026** | **6pm** | **Virtual** | **Yes** |
| **7** | **April 28, 2026** | **6pm** | **Virtual** | **No** |

* 1. **Review, Confirm/Update, and Adopt GO Team Meeting Norms**
* This is a meeting of the GO Team. Only members of the team may participate in the discussion. Any members of the public present are here to quietly observe.
* We will be fully present.
* We will follow the agenda as noticed to the public and stay on task.
* We will be respectful of each other at all times.
* We will be open-minded.
* We invite and welcome contributions of every member and listen to each other.
* We will respect all ideas and assume good intentions.
* We will approach differences of opinion with curiosity.

Motion to adopt made by: Mr. Myles; Seconded by: Ms. Smith-Fraizer

Members Approving: Ms. King, and Ms. Glass

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining

**Motion** Passes

1. **Discussion Items** 
   1. **Stakeholder Engagement Exercise**

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|  | FAMILIES | STUDENTS | STAFF | COMMUNITY |
| INFORM  What’s a fun, unexpected way to keep them in the loop? | **In order to get a ticket students must tell parents to respond in Dojo** | **Place stickers on primary students. Monthly student ambassador meetings.** | **Raffle for staff, place a secret code in the staff newsletter.**  **Basic trivia-prizes** | **During AM/PM arrival and dismissal have music playing and provide announcements. Make sure of social media posting.** |
| INPUT  What’s a meaningful way to gather their ideas or feedback? | **Create a google survey** | **Video reviews on events** | **Create Google form survey** | **Attend Princeton Lakes meeting, 3390 Apartments, reach out to new communities in the neighborhood.** |
| INVITE  How can we bring them into the work, not just the audience? | **Provide parents with different ways to contribute or how they can volunteer.**  **Post IG commercials** | **Hold meeting with ambassadors** |  | **Provide parents with different ways to contribute or how we can volunteer.**  **Post on IG** |

* 1. **Discussion Item 2**: APS Personal Electronic Device Policy
* APS Personal Electronic Device Policy is being enforced this year.
* Students must keep phones “up and away or out of sight” during the school day.
* The policy is included in the school family handbook, posted throughout the building, and has been explained to all students.
* The goal is to support a focused, respectful, and distraction-free learning environment.
* Beginning next school year under HB 340, the policy will expand to include smartwatches, tablets, and headphones.
* Students are already asked not to wear headphones or bring other personal devices to class.
* Deerwood has not had major issues with devices; most concerns come from outside of school.
* The school is following APS’s student code of conduct for enforcement.
* Clear steps for violations have been shared with students; no extra holding procedures are in place.

1. **Information Items** 
   1. **Principal’s Update**

Leveling and Enrollment

* Projected: 436 students; Actual: 475 (plus ~39 Pre-K, funded separately).
* District adjusts funding (“leveling”) based on actual enrollment.

Reserve & Title I Funds

* $112,139 reserve released; plan to hire 2 instructional paraprofessionals.
* Remaining $762 for instructional supplies.
* Title I holdback funds for teacher stipends and additional supplies.

Additional Adjustments (~$232,000)

* Hire a non-instructional para and a part-time para.
* Purchase web-based ELA resources.
* Update classroom furniture.
* Support professional learning.
* Buy instructional materials.

FY26 Summary

* 2 instructional paras (full-time).
* 1 non-instructional para + 1 part-time para.
* Funds for ELA resources, furniture, staff development, and supplies.
  1. **APS Forward 2040 –Comprehensive Long-Range Facilities Plan Update**
* APS is updating its **long-range facilities plan**, called APS Forward 2040: Reshaping the Future of Education.
* Task force meetings have already been held; upcoming **public meetings** are scheduled for **October 20** and **November 10.**
* Proposals focus on:
  1. Ensuring school buildings operate at or near capacity.
  2. Adjusting or repurposing facilities to maximize use and community benefit.
  3. Reducing reliance on “small school supplements” as funding tightens.
* Goal: align enrollment with facilities to sustain staffing, resources, and opportunities for students.
* Currently, these are **proposals only**; community engagement is encouraged.
* Question raised about GO Team representation at meetings; noted that representatives were selected in the spring.

1. **Announcements**

**Save the Date:** G3 Summit for GO Teams on September 27, 8:30–2:30 at Atlanta College and Career Academy.

**Community & Student Engagement:**

* Monthly community meetings with students (goals, expectations, incentives).
* Firefighters visited to read to students.
* Two literacy nights held (K–2 and 3–5).
* Class Dojo parent sign-up competition; cupcake parties for winning classes.
* First Gym Jam last Friday students with 125 Dojo points celebrated with a 90s-themed party.

**Testing & Reports:**

* August MAP testing completed; reading and math reports going home tomorrow.
* Fluency reports coming soon.

**Upcoming Events:**

* Progress reports distributed tomorrow.
* Deerwood Chorus auditions and Picture Day (uniforms required) tomorrow.
* Esports parent meeting on Monday.
* Dyslexia parent information session on September 8.
* Parent conferences on September 11.
* International Dot Day on September 15 (students wear polka dots).

**Clubs & Parent Groups:**

* All Pro Dads group meets monthly for activities and service projects.
* Garden Club added five new raised beds; Georgia Tech students will build a greenhouse.

**Parent Engagement & Supports:**

* Parent Academy on September 16.
* After-school tutorials begin September 16.
* First Principal’s Coffee on September 29 at 9:00 a.m. (topic: MAP, Georgia Milestones, and home resources).

**Communication:**

* Families should stay connected via Class Dojo, Instagram, and Twitter (X).

**GO Team Reminder:**

* Membersmust complete orientation within one year to remain in compliance.

1. **Adjournment**

Motion made by: Mr. Myles; Seconded by: Ms. Glass

Members Approving: Ms. King and Ms. Smith-Fraizer

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

**Motion** Passes

**ADJOURNED AT** 7:18pm

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**Minutes Taken By:** Ms. King

**Position:** Secretary

**Date Approved:** September 5, 2025