

Deerwood Academy

Date: **September 25, 2025**

Time: **6:04pm**

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

- I. Call to order: 6:04pm
- II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Joy Antone	Present
Parent/Guardian	Tamara Glass	Present
Parent/Guardian	Sherica Davis	Present
Parent/Guardian		
Instructional Staff	C. Scott	Present
Instructional Staff	J. King	Present
Instructional Staff	J. Myles	Present
Community Member	Ronald Cochran	Present
Community Member	Jonathan Gayles	Absent
Swing Seat	S. Smith-Fraizer	Present
Student (High Schools)		

Quorum Established: **Yes** or No]

III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Mr. Myles; Seconded by: **Ms. Smith-Fraizer**
Members Approving: Ms. King, Ms. Glass, and Ms. Davis
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion [Passes/Fails]
- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *List amendments to the minutes:*
 Motion made by: **Mr. Myles**; Seconded by: **Ms. Smith-Fraizer**
Members Approving: Ms. King, Ms. Glass, and Ms. Davis
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion [Passes/Fails]

Action Item 1: Community Member Vote

Open Position:	Community Member
Nominee's Name:	Ronald Cochran
GO Team Members In favor	Ms. Scott, Mr. Myles, Ms. King, Ms. Glass, Ms. Smith-Fraizer, and Ms. Davis
GO Team Members Opposed	
GO Team Members Abstaining	

IV. Discussion Items *(add items as needed)*

a. Discussion Item 1: School Strategic Plan

b. Discussion Item 2: Data Discussion

Strategic Plan (2021–2025)

- Plan reviewed; next meeting will update and prioritize items.
- **SMART Goals (to May 2025):**
 - **ELA (Gr 3–5) Proficient:** 25% → 29%
 - **Math (Gr 3–5) Proficient:** 20% → 23%
 - **K–3 Oral Reading Fluency:** 15% → 18%
 - **Attendance (CCRPI metric):** 66% → 69% of students present ≥90% of enrolled days
 - **Discipline:** Decrease out-of-school suspensions

Strategic Priorities

- Strengthen foundational skills (reading, math, critical thinking) and long-term growth
- IB, PreK–5 transdisciplinary inquiry
- Personalized learning driven by individual data
- Expand SEL/behavior supports; maintain PBIS
- Build staff capacity; sustain a system of school support
- Family engagement for IB, literacy, numeracy, SEL

Key Strategies

- Student goal-setting in literacy/numeracy; regular data talks

- Align instruction to research-based literacy & numeracy practices
- Use MAP data to remediate/extend/accelerate
- Ongoing PL for IB and personalized learning
- Wraparound team for whole-child supports; ensure access to intervention/enrichment & software
- Teacher leadership teams; targeted PL for staff needs
- Maintain PBIS (Gym Jam, Dojo points) and tiered behavior supports

SIP Alignment (Current Year Targets)

- **ELA Proficient:** 24% → 29%
- **Math Proficient:** 31% → 36%
- **Attendance:** 69% → 72% (CCRPI ≥90% days)

Assessment & Data Cycle

- MAP: Aug (baseline), Nov/Dec (mid), Mar (spring); informs Milestones readiness
- Weekly/unit assessments reviewed in grade-level data meetings (alternating ELA/Math)

Next Steps / Action Items

- Update strategic plan and re-rank priorities at next meeting (guides January budget work)
- Continue MAP-driven interventions, goal setting, and attendance incentives
- Prepare communications on CCRPI attendance expectations to families

V. Information Items

a. Principal's Report

Georgia Tech Partnership

- Students partnering to build a greenhouse in the back field; 1-year timeline.
- Connects to Garden Club (6 raised beds; recent watermelon harvest).
- Goal: launch Farm-to-School—use/sell produce, integrate with cafeteria.
- Community partner: Ms. Kendall / Kendall Foundation (across the street).
- STEM Labs (5th Grade) Georgia Tech students visit monthly for hands-on labs (e.g., dam-building to protect communities).

Student & Staff Highlights

- Special Olympics held last week.
- Honored Teacher of the Year: Ms. Jones-Harris and Support Person of the Year: Ms. Stamper.

PBIS Recognition

- State Distinguished status (highest tier; levels start at *Emerging*). Trophy received.

Family & Community Engagement

- **All Pro Dads:** first meeting completed.
- **Partnership Appreciation Breakfast:** first annual event held.

Operations

- **Annual Bus Driver Meeting** conducted; alignment on communication, issues, and smooth transportation.

b. **APS Forward 2040 –Comprehensive Long-Range Facilities Plan Update**

Big Picture

- APS buildings were constructed for 75,000 students; projections suggest 50,000 students over the next decade → under-enrollment pressure.
- Small Schools Grant funding is ending; district is “rightsizing” to:
 - Reduce underutilization of buildings
 - Strengthen program viability (e.g., sustain/expand IB investments in the cluster)
- Round 2 draft scenarios now include more specifics on potential closings/mergers and programmatic shifts (e.g., a School of the Arts at Carver, changes related to purpose-built partnerships).

Southwest/Cluster Focus (Draft)

- Boundary realignment under consideration.
- **Continental Colony ES:** likely repurposing (building is older; high cost to upgrade).
- **Kimberly ES:** likely receiving school for Continental Colony students (newer building; recent ESPLOST investments).
- **Deerwood:** references to improvements in the draft.
- **Bunche MS:** likely capital investments.
- **High school:** no current action in the draft impacting the cluster HS.
- All items above are drafts and subject to change pending feedback.

What “Repurposing” Means

- Not “abandonment”, community helps decide future use (e.g., senior center, teacher training site, wraparound services hub).
- **Example:** Old Capitol View ES → proposed 30-year lease with the Tiger Woods Foundation, \$25M renovations, community programming hub.
- Need to hold APS accountable to timelines and commitments so buildings don’t sit vacant.

Community Voice & Survey

- Our cluster has been underrepresented in survey responses (80% from North Atlanta in earlier rounds).
- **Priority ask:** complete and promote the district survey broadly (families, community partners, NPUs).

Q&A Highlights

- **Deerwood + Continental merger?** Not reflected as a merger in the draft.
More likely: boundary adjustments; students from areas like Kings Forest could be bused to Kimberly. Deerwood is closer to enrollment targets than Kimberly.
- **Repurpose clarification:** Keep assets in APS portfolio when possible; seek partners/investors to upgrade and use buildings now; some properties may still be sold (affordable/teacher workforce housing).
- **NPU engagement:** covering Deerwood's area to build partnerships and boost participation. NPUP is active; Mr. Leon will share NPU dates/resources; staff interest in attending NPUs

Action Items

- Share "State of the Schools" deck/resource, survey link, contact info, and NPU dates with the team.
- **School/GO Team**
 - Distribute the survey link to families/staff; encourage high response from our cluster.
 - Track LRFP draft updates affecting Continental Colony, Kimberly, Deerwood, and Bunche.
 - Plan for stakeholder input on repurposing (collect community priorities/uses).
- **Staff/Community**
 - Attend relevant NPU meetings to advocate and stay informed.
 - Send Mr. Leon any questions/feedback for the next facilities round.

VI. Announcements

- Tomorrow: "Breakfast & Grandparents"
 - Breakfast served; grandparents then visit classrooms to read with students.
- This Friday
 - Attendance Celebration (August 100% attendance): Popsicles outside.
 - Cupcake Parties: Classes with 100% ClassDojo parent sign-ups (primary comms tool).
- Next Friday
 - Gym Jam celebration for positive behavior.
- Principal's Coffee (Monthly)

- Will begin streaming / posting to school website; feedback last year was very positive.
- G3 Summit (GO Teams)
 - Sat, 8:30 AM–2:30 PM — topics: strategic plan, stakeholder engagement, charter system.
 - Staff/GO Team: Email interest to attend.
- Dates to Note
 - Fall Break: Oct 13–17
 - Writing Assessment: October (date TBA)
 - Fall Festival: Nov 8 (seeking volunteers/ideas)
 - Thanksgiving Luncheon: Nov 13 — \$7 payment window closes Oct 31
 - Nothing Bundt Cakes pop-up Nov 13 + fundraiser all November (pre-Thanksgiving cakes)
- 1:1 Devices (New)
 - Every student has a take-home device daily.
 - Insurance strongly encouraged: \$26 (assistance available).
 - Without insurance: replacement cost \$500.
- Operations
 - School day starts 7:45 AM; arrivals after are tardy.
- Closing
 - No public comment this meeting.
 - Send topics you want presented at the next meeting to the principal.
 - Meeting adjourned.

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Ms. Davis](#) ; Seconded by: [Ms. Smith-Fraizer](#)

Members Approving: Ms. King

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

Motion [\[Passes/Fails\]](#)

ADJOURNED AT [7:08pm](#)

Minutes Taken By: [Ms. King](#)

Position: [Secretary](#)

Date Approved: [\[Insert Date When Approved\]](#)