

Meeting Minutes

J.W. Dobbs Elementary

Date: May 26, 2020

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

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Meeting ID: 761 3834 7704 Password: 3rc4Kc

- I. Call to order: 1:08
- II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Tiffany Ragin	Present
Parent/Guardian	Nicole Floyd	Absent
Parent/Guardian	Juanita Jones	Present
Parent/Guardian	Sharon York	Present
Instructional Staff	Sonya Jordan	Present
Instructional Staff	Kristall Manns	Present
Instructional Staff	Chiquita Puckett	Present
Community Member	Bailey Dawson	Present
Community Member	Jeremy Crane	Present
Swing Seat	Kenetta Cook	Absent

Guests Present: n/a

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by [Ms. Puckett](#); Seconded by [Ms. Manns](#)
 Members Approving: 7
 Members Opposing: 0
 Members Abstaining: 0
Motion Passes
- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *List amendments to the minutes:*
 Motion made by [Ms. Jones](#); Seconded by [Ms. Puckett](#)
 Members Approving: 7
 Members Opposing: 0
 Members Abstaining: 0
Motion Passes

c. Recommendation for Removal- Swing Seat

Ms. Puckett stated that after speaking with the GO Team office, a recommendation for removal of Ms. Cook could be added to the agenda for this meeting. According to the GO Team handbook- Section 2.6. Performance of Duties. b. Attend 75% or more of the scheduled GO Team meetings within their elected term. A GO Team member who fails to attend 75% of GO Team meetings, or misses three consecutive meetings, may be removed from the GO Team.

All attempts to reach and communicate with Ms. Cook and get her to come to the meetings (prior to and after distance learning/teleworking) have been unsuccessful. She has not attended any meetings this school year. Ms. Puckett states she has reached out via in person, phone call, text, and email to get Ms. Cook to attend meetings and complete the budget training and assessment. Due to this incomplete task Dobbs is marked not in compliance with GO Team's records. Ms. Gibson with the GO Team office stated upon voting Ms. Cook out, she would be able to update our records so we would be in compliance. The vacant position would need to be filled for the 20-21 SY. Mr. Bailey asked for a motion. Motion made by Ms. Jones. Seconded by Ms. York.

Members Approving: 7

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

d. Vote on tentative first meeting date 2020-2021

It is recommended that the next meeting date be set for SY 20-21. Ms. Puckett stated she can pull up a calendar and we could discuss a possible date, or the action item could be tabled for the start of the school year and decided amongst the new team. Ms. Ragin suggested that the matter be tabled due to the current circumstances and the uncertainty of how things will look right now with school start date and in person meetings guidelines etc. Mr. Bailey asked for a motion. Motion made by Mr. Crane that the scheduling of the first meeting date be tabled until next school year. Seconded by Ms. Manns.

Members Approving: 7

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Discussion Items

- e. **FY21 Budget Update:** Due to a \$60 million cut in district funding from the state due to Covid-19 impact, school funding will be reduced. Dobbs had about a \$50,000 cut, which in comparison to some schools at \$300,000 is not as bad as it

could be. To make up for the loss a decision was made to have a half time Special Education Lead Teacher instead of a full time. This puts about \$40,000 plus benefits back in the budget. The other \$10,000 will be a reduction in the cost of resources. Teachers will be asked to use resources that we already have in the building and that have already been ordered. Some orders will have to be put on hold and rolled over. All vacancies at Dobbs have been filled. There was a desire to hire for technology paraprofessional position in order to help cut specials class sizes, host virtual Spanish, and hold GMAS tutoring, however, due to the district hiring freeze that position was not filled. The money for the position will be put in reserve in case the hiring freeze is lifted. There was also plans to have another Relay resident, however, due to certification concerns, there will not be one at Dobbs next year.

IV. Information Items

- a. **Principal's Report** Ms. Ragin is asking parents and staff to continue to check all forms of social media (Dobbs Twitter page, Dobbs website, and ClassDojo) for critical updates. For students not returning to Dobbs please be on the look out for information on how to return devices to the school (check the school website). Ms. Ragin would like to host a Virtual Town Hall meeting with parents. Date TBD.
- b. **Principal Feedback Survey-** Ms. Ragin stated that the GO Team office sent out a Principal Feedback Survey and that in case anyone did not receive it, Ms. Puckett will resend the link. Ms. Puckett stated that it is just an annual survey sent by the GO Team office and she will resend the link for anyone who missed the email.
- c. **GO Team Self-Assessment Survey-** Ms. Puckett stated that the GO Team office sent out the annual self-assessment survey and she will resend the link for anyone who did not receive it.

V. Announcements – Ms. Puckett made the following announcements:

The summer food distribution program will resume for three Mondays in June (1st, 8th, and 15th)

- End of School Year Virtual Town Hall - Tuesday, May 26- (can be re-watched at any time)
- -Camp Wonderopolis® is the FREE online summer-learning destination that's full of fun, interactive STEM and literacy-building topics boosted by Maker experiments!
- You can access over 5,000 books on MyOn throughout the Summer on your APS MyBackpack!
- -Scholastic is committed to providing at-home learning over the summer months with Scholastic Summer Read-a-Palooza, a free digital destination which offers full books, live events, and games in a safe community for readers! Kids will be encouraged to track their reading streaks™ to earn rewards and unlock book donations.

-Additionally the Superintendent said in her Town Hall, that although there will not be in person Summer School as we know it there are resources available online through the district's website. They are calling it "Summer Recharge." Available resources can be found at:

<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/ReCharge>

VI. Public Comment- no comments from the public but the following comments were made:

Ms. Puckett thanked everyone for allowing her to serve as their GO Team secretary and that although her term is expiring, she looks forward to seeing everyone next year and supporting the GO Team's efforts. She thanked everyone for their participation and willingness to serve, some coming in filling vacancies in the 11th hour was an appreciated sacrifice. And a special appreciation for the other officers and any other members with expiring terms.

Ms. Ragin expressed her true appreciation for everyone's (especially her parents and community partners) willingness to serve and their understanding and perseverance through a transitional year with her as new principal, changes in GO Team members, changes in meeting dates, etc. She appreciates everyone's flexibility and patience and she looks forward to a great upcoming school year whatever that will look like with all that is going on due to Covid-19.

Each additional GO Team member (Mr. Crane, Mr. Bailey, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Manns, Ms. York) expressed their appreciation for being selected to serve on this governing body. Some being stretched in their leadership opportunities, others getting to see a different side of the school's operations, and other's playing a vital role in their community. Each looks forward to meeting next year.

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by [Ms. Jordan](#); Seconded by [Ms. Manns](#)

Members Approving: 7

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 1:36 p.m.

Minutes Taken By: [Chiquita S. Puckett](#)

Position: [Secretary](#)

Date Approved: [\[Insert Date the Minutes are APPROVED by the GO Team\]](#)