

Meeting Minutes

Finch Elementary School

Date: 12/16/21

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: Zoom

- I. Call to order: 3:36 pm
- II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Mr. Gerald Johnson	Present
Parent/Guardian	Ms. Melinda Malone	Present
Parent/Guardian	Ms. Maya Johnson	Present
Parent/Guardian	Ms. Rikita Maples	Absent
Instructional Staff	Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler	Present
Instructional Staff	Mrs. Nartasha Smith-Willis	Present
Instructional Staff	Dr. Delleni Guest	Present
Community Member	Mr. C. E. Patten II	Present
Community Member	Terra Washington	Absent
Swing Seat	Mrs. Wanda Washington	Present
Student (High Schools)	N/A	

Guests Present: [If someone has been invited someone to present to the GO Team, list the name(s) here; you do not have to list observers]

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items (add items as needed)

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler;
 Seconded by: Dr. Delleni Guest
Members Approving: Ms. Maya Johnson, Mrs. Nartasha Smith-Willis, Mrs. Wanda Washington
Members Opposing: 0
Members Abstaining: 0
Motion: Passes
- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** List amendments to the minutes:
 Motion made by: Ms. Maya Johnson; Seconded by: Mrs. Karmishala Bentley
Members Approving: Mrs. Nartasha Smith-Willis, Dr. Delleni Guest, Mrs. Wanda Washington
Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion: Passes

c. **Action Item 1: Approval of the Finch Strategic Plan**

Motion made by: [Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler](#); Seconded by: [Mrs. Wanda Washington](#)

Members Approving: Ms. Maya Johnson, Mrs. Nartasha Smith-Willis, Dr. Delleni Guest, Mr. C.E. Patten, Ms. Melinda Malone

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion: Passes

IV. Discussion Items

a. **Discussion Item 1: A.C.E.S Review**

Mr. Johnson shared the CCRPI score for attendance. We scored 62 % for students attending school. The suspension rate of 0.04 was discussed and it was stated that the students were 2 male students. Mr. Johnson shared the 3 action points being done in the school regarding daily instruction and attendance:

Action 1: 7:15-8:15 teachers model what they'll be teaching during the week.

Action 2: grade level weekly/ daily meetings must utilize workspace.

Action 3: student attendance data is monitored regularly by the attendance team which is comprised of the principal, vice principal, social worker, and counselor. They discuss the data and ways to improve student attendance.

b. **Discussion Item 2: APYes! Award Winners**

Mr. Johnson shared that how Finch was celebrated this year. Finch had 4 nominees in the categories of principal, vice-principal, teacher, and putting students First. It was also the first time in APS history that a school was nominated in every category. The school won three of the categories which were Principal, Vice Principal, and Putting Students First.

c. **Discussion Item 3: Winter Universal Screener**

Principal Johnson discussed with the TEAM that the Universal Screener (NWEA MAP) is given three times during the school year. It is given during the fall, winter, and spring. There are three goals associated with the Universal Screener: to increase reading and math scores, and to increase attendance, especially on days of testing.

Principal Johnson shared with the TEAM that third and fourth graders completed 100% in winter, fifth graders completed 98%. There was only one student in 5th grade who did not take the test. Based on the winter

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data, some students came out of the beginning learner stage for reading.

There was an increase from 70-72 % in beginner math.

Third grade had 55 % meeting the target for math. Fourth grade had 45 % meet the target for reading and 58% for math. Fifth grade had 44% meeting the target for math and 72 % for reading.

V. Announcements

Mrs. Smith-Willis talked about winter break and that any Go Teammembers who haven't will need to complete their training by January 17, 2022. Winter Break Recess (December 20- December 31, 2021) was shared with the TEAM and our next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2022, at 3:30PM.

VI. Adjournment

Motion made by: Mrs. Wanda Washington; **Seconded by:** Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler

Members Approving: Ms.Melinda Malone, Ms. Maya Johnson, Mrs. Nartasha Smith-Willis, Dr. Delleni Guest, and Mr. C. E. Patten II

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion: Passes

ADJOURNED AT [4:04 pm]

Minutes Taken By: Maya Johnson

Position: Secretary

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

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