

Meeting Minutes

Finch Elementary School

Date: 10/28/21

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	Present
Instructional Staff	Mrs. Karmishala Bently-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	Present
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: [Mr.C.E.PattenII]; Seconded by: [Ms. Maya Johnson]
Members Approving: Ms. Melinda Malone, Ms.Rikita Maples, Mrs. Karmishala Bently-Cuyler, Mrs. Nartasha Smith-Willis, Dr. Delleni Guest, Ms. Terra Washington, and Mrs Wanda Washington
Members Opposing: 0
Members Abstaining: 0
Motion [Passes/Fails] Passes
- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** List amendments to the minutes:
 Motion made by: [Mrs.Karmishala Bently-Cuyler]; Seconded by: [Mrs.Nartasha Smith-Willis]

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Members Approving: Ms. Melinda Malone, Ms. Maya Johnson, Ms. Rikita Maples, Dr. Delleni Guest, Mr. C.E. Patten II, Terra Washington, and Mrs. Wanda Washington

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion [Passes/Fails] Passes

- c. **Action Item 1:** [Add description and any discussion of Action Item]

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

Members Approving:

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

Motion [Passes/Fails]

- d. **Action Item 2:** [Add description and any discussion of Action Item]

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

Members Approving:

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

Motion [Passes/Fails]

IV. Discussion Items

- a. **SY22 Finch Strategic Plan (Needs Assessment/STAP)]**

Mr. Johnson explained the Strategic Plan and wants some time before we come back together as a GO TEAM to discuss which items in the plan needs to remain and those that can be removed. Mr. Johnson discussed the need to to include the increase percentage for our Student Attendance Rate. Mr. Johnson emphasized that we have the priorities of the students in mind when thinking about the Strategic Plan. Principal Johnson led the group through each Priority and ask members to vote as to keep, revise, or remove. The results were as follows:

Priority #1-Keep everyone agreed

Priority #2-Keep everyone agreed -Terra Washington asked what were we defining content as? Mr. Johnson answered that the content is the GA standards of excellence and wants the students to be able to master them.

Priority #3-Revise/revisist until next meeting- Ms. Maya Johnson asked do we need this as a priority because the college and career does not apply to the students of Finch. Mr. Johnson and Ms. Malone will get back to the team after they attend the Carver Cluster meeting and share more information as to how this priority may relate to our Cluster. Ms. Malone said that they did consider college and career to be usedfor Finch to be align with the whole child approach and that it would be shaping them for when they enter high school. Ms. Terra Washington stated that with the

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economic development they are accessing how they will approach the children that will not attend a traditional college but a trade school and offers to call people from trade schools to come and speak with the children.

Priority #4- Keep everyone agreed

Priority #5- Keep everyone agreed

Priority #6- Keep everyone agreed

Priority #7- Keep everyone agreed

Priority #8- Keep everyone agreed

V. Information Items

a. Universal Screener (Reports for MAP and BASC-3)

Principal Johnson stated that the NWEA MAP Growth is the newscreener that is used for the students this school year. It identifies the learning skill and area of opportunity for growth, and it measures the quality of instruction. This test was given mid-September and the next one will be given to the students April/May. Principal Johnson also informed the TEAM of the BASC-3 Behavioral Assessment. He explained to the TEAM that the BASC-3 does not diagnose the students. It is given to students in Pre-k- 12. The information is used to help the social worker, and counselor assist students with their emotional growth. For student in grades K-5, the parents and teachers fill out the assessment and the next assessment will be done February 15- March 1st.

b. Milestones Results

Principal Johnson stated that because of COVID, the last time the students took the test was in 2019 and in 2021 not many students came to the school to take the milestone test, so the numbers did not show any growth. In ELA the number is 33%-3rd, 16%-4th, and 33%- 5th, for Math it is 16%-3rd, 15%- 4th, and 13%-5th, and for science 24% for 5th graders. Ms. Terra Washington wanted to know how the community could help and support the students to increase the number for the reading milestone and offer the resources that she has available to give to assist the school in any way it would need.

VI. Announcements

The next GO TEAM meeting will be 11/11/21 to discuss the priority items and adding in any additional priority items if needed. Thanksgiving Recess is November 22-26, 2021. It was mentioned that school would be closed on 11/2/21

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: [\[Ms.Terra Washington\]](#); Seconded by: [\[Mrs. Wanda Washington\]](#)

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

Members Opposing: 0

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Members Abstaining: 0

Motion [Passes/Fails] Passes

ADJOURNED AT [4:26 pm]

Minutes Taken By: [Maya Johnson]

Position: [Secretary]

Date Approved: [12/16/2021]

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