

# Meeting Minutes

## Finch Elementary School

Date: 2/11/2021

Time: 3:30 PM

Location: Zoom

- I. Call to order: 3:34 PM
- II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Mrs. Forrestella Taylor	Present
Parent/Guardian	Ms. Melinda Malone	Present
Parent/Guardian	Ms. Maya Johnson	Present
Parent/Guardian	Mrs. Seggee Davis	Present
Instructional Staff	Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler	Present
Instructional Staff	Ms. Nartasha Smith	Present
Instructional Staff	Dr. Delleni Guest	Present
Community Member	Mr. C. E. Patten II	Present
Community Member	Mr. Michael Bracey	Present
Swing Seat	Mrs. Wanda Washington	Present
Student (High Schools)		

Quorum Established: Yes

### III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Ms. Melinda Malone; Seconded by: Ms. Nartasha Smith  
**Members Approving:** Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler, Dr. Delleni Guest, Mrs. Wanda Washington, Mr. C. E. Patten II, Mr. Michael Bracey, Ms. Maya Johnson, and Mrs. Seggee Davis  
**Members Opposing:** 0  
**Members Abstaining:** 0  
**Motion [Passes/Fails] Passes**
- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** List amendments to the minutes: No Amendments  
 Motion made by: Ms. Maya Johnson; Seconded by: Ms. Melinda Malone  
**Members Approving:** Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler, Dr. Delleni Guest, Mrs. Wanda Washington, Mr. C. E. Patten II, Mr. Michael Bracey, Mrs. Seggee Davis, and Ms. Nartasha Smith  
**Members Opposing:** 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion [Passes/Fails] Passes

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

##### a. Strategic Planning Updates:

Principal Taylor stated a Google form was sent for Go Team members to put their suggestions for updates to the Strategic Plan. She then continued to go over each part of the plan beginning with the mission and vision. There were no changes made to the mission and vision. She stated that we have 3-5 years to maintain the Performance Measures. However, we have met the measure of decreasing ISS/OSS interventions, but it should remain a focus due to PBIS.

Principal Taylor led the TEAM by going over each Priority and element and asking if the team thought each should remain. The TEAM felt the priorities should remain however Priority 3 should include 21st century learners. Additionally, the element 3B should be brought out stronger to demonstrate learners that would include trade and vocational pathways.

The Team also suggested an amendment to 3A to not only include Spanish as the only World Language taught at Finch. Mr. Bracey stated our cluster middle school gives students French first rather than Spanish. Principal Taylor will look into the rationale for French being given first in Middle School. The Team brainstormed the idea of teaching students Mandarin Chinese. Principal Taylor suggested the use of Rosetta Stone to teach students another language outside of Spanish. It may be a possibility to have our current foreign language teacher full time next year and she could run a language lab.

Under the element 3D, it was stated that we add Science and Stem Endorsements since we are moving in that direction. Additionally, our Guidance Counselor is doing a phenomenal job implementing lessons that related to careers and character development. Field experiences related to college and careers will continue to be provided for our students both virtually and in person when permitted to do so. Last, Mr. Patten mentioned the idea of bringing Robotics into STEM.

Priority 4 will be worded to included flexibility due to the emphasis on virtual/hybrid models. The team believes this will build a growth mindset within our instructional staff. Priority 5 will include leaders in the virtual space. Priority 6 will have no change other than change the word physiological to psychological.

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Under priority 7, Mr. Bracey mentioned about the Community Food Truck wanting to partner with the school to help families. He also stated that we can include the community more in forming partnerships. We will continue to build our community engagements. Mr. Patten wanted to know if the elements were written in priority. Mrs. Taylor stated that they were not. It was recommended that they be written in order of priority and 7D, increase community engagement, be switched to 7A.

Mrs. Taylor wanted to include stakeholders, students, staff and the community in creating a safe, nurturing and caring culture.

Ultimately, many take ideas were discussed in the area of Priority 3. The plan will include technology and 21st century learning. At our next meeting we will vote on our updated draft to ensure that our plan and budget align.

### V. Announcements

Our next meeting will be February 18, 2021 at 3:30PM

### VI. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Mr, C. E. Patten II](#); Seconded by: [Mrs. Seggee Davis](#)

**Members Approving:** Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler, Mrs. Wanda Washington, Mr. Michael Bracey, Ms. Melinda Malone, Dr. Delleni Guest, Ms. Maya Johnson, and Ms. Nartasha Smith

**Members Opposing:** 0

**Members Abstaining:** 0

**Motion [Passes/Fails] Passes**

**ADJOURNED AT 4:28**

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**Minutes Taken By:** [Ms. Nartasha Smith](#)

**Position:** [Secretary](#)

**Date Approved:** [2/18/21](#)