

Meeting Minutes

Finch Elementary School

Date: February 18, 2021

Time: 3:30PM

Location: Zoom

- I. Call to order: 3:39PM
- 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. Maya Johnson](#); Seconded by: [Mrs. Seggee Davis](#)
Members Approving: Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler, Ms. Melinda Malone, Dr. Delleni Guest, Mr. Michael Bracey, Mrs. Wanda Washington, Mr. C. E. Patten II, and Ms. Nartasha Smith
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: [Mrs. Seggee Davis](#)
Members Approving: Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler, Ms. Melinda Malone, Dr. Delleni Guest, Mr. Michael Bracey, Mrs. Wanda Washington, Mr. C. E. Patten II, and Ms. Nartasha Smith

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion [Passes/Fails] Passes

c. **Finch Strategic Plan Approval**

Principal Taylor discussed with the TEAM the small changes that were made to the plan, particularly under Priority 3. 3A would include exploratory language, 3D would include STEM and Science Endorsements, 3F would specify in-person and virtual field experiences. Priority 4 would change from Improve teacher efficacy and capacity to Improve teacher efficacy and growth-mindedness to encompass flexibility between in person and virtual teaching. Element A of Priority 4 would include vertical planning and element D would change to the following: provide multiple opportunities for professional development focused on STEM and project-based learning. Principal Taylor stated that most of the strategy status is in the yellow due to the pandemic. As a GO TEAM we will prioritize each element later.

Motion made by: [Ms. Nartasha Smith](#); Seconded by: [Ms. Maya Johnson](#)

Members Approving: Mr. Michael Bracey, Mr. C. E. Patten II, Ms. Melinda Malone, Mrs. Wanda Washington, Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler, Dr. Delleni Guest, Mrs. Seggee Davis

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion [Passes/Fails] Passes

IV. Public Comment (There were no guest present at this meeting)

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

a. **Budget FY 22**

Principal Taylor revisited the Budget for FY22. She encouraged everyone to complete the Budget training so they will be able to cast their vote at the next meeting. She discussed some changes to the budget that would include the loss of band and the contracting the services for STEM PD and pay a consulting fee rather than a salary to Dr. Schaffer, Cluster Organizer. We will lose our hourly bookkeeper. The school will no longer incur postage fees so the \$500 set aside for it has been removed from the budget. The materials needed to be mailed will be sent to the district instead. Additionally, \$2,000 has been included in the budget for field trips. Also, the budget shows a decrease of 1 teacher for kindergarten and our Foreign Language teacher will be full time at Finch to help facilitate the learning of another language outside of Spanish. Last, there will be no Athletic stipends for the upcoming year at this time. Principal Taylor asked for

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the TEAM to review the Budget carefully and send in Feedback to the entire TEAM before February 23, 2021. On Monday, February 23, 2021, the Associate Superintendent for HR will go over the plan.

VI. Announcements

Next meeting will be March 18, 2021

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Mrs. Seggee Davis](#); Seconded by: [Ms. Melinda Malone](#)

Members Approving: Mrs. Wanda Washington, Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler, Dr. Delleni Guest, Ms. Maya Johnson, Mr. Michael Bracey, Mr. C. E. Patten II, and Ms. Nartasha Smith

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion [Passes/Fails] Passes

ADJOURNED AT 4:12PM

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

Position: [Secretary](#)

Date Approved: [3/18/2021](#)