

Meeting Minutes

Finch Elementary School

Date: 4/22/21

Time: 3:30 PM

Location: Zoom

- I. Call to order: 3:33 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)		

Guests Present: Ms. Aketa Wise, Parent Liaison

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Mr. C. E. Patten II; Seconded by: Ms. Maya Johnson
Members Approving: Ms. Melinda Malone, Ms. Seggee Davis, Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler, Dr. Delleni Guest, Mr. Michael Bracey, Mrs. Wanda Washington, 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. Nartasha Smith; Seconded by: Ms. Maya Johnson

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

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion [Passes/Fails] Passes

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

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

a. Parent /Community Engagement

Principal Taylor informed the TEAM of receiving a donation of a washer and dryer from a community organization. She also stated that Tyler Perry and Kroger helps our school as well. Additionally, the Oakland City Communities and the Cathedral of Faith Church collaborate with our school on many occasions. However, we need more STEM/STEAM partnerships.

Ms. Wise spoke to the team about the partnership through United Way. Parents are afforded the opportunity to participate in the Foster Family Unity seminar through United Way. Ms. Wise stated that the event has been very fulfilling, but only a few parents are participating.

Ms. Johnson stated that parents praise the staff; however, we have to get more parents to know all of the good things that happen at Finch.

It was stated that over 28 events have been offered this school year, but very little participation from parents. We are at a disadvantage due to the pandemic. We did not get to do the Father/Daughter dance. This is one of our better-attended events. Right now, we only have about five or six parents participating in the family engagement events. Principal Taylor asked for suggestions from the TEAM as to what might help increase the level of parent/community engagement.

We discussed trying to prevent an overlapping of advertising and pushing out events. We have to start knocking on doors and requiring that parents engage by a certain percentage in order for the child to participate in school activities.

Ms. Wise stated that she is working on a survey for parents to complete.

VI. Information Items

a. **Principal's Report**

- Georgia Milestone Assessment (April 26-May 13)
Principal Taylor informed the TEAM of the GMAS taking place for grades 3-5. Students in grades 3-5 will take the ELA and Math Assessments. Fifth grade will also take the Science Assessment. This year our CCRPI data will not be calculated due to the pandemic. We will have all in-person 3rd-5th grade students to complete the assessment. Additionally, 50 of our virtual students will come into the school to take the assessment. Parents of virtual students were given the option as to whether or not their child would participate in testing.
- Summer Academic Recovery Program
Principal Taylor informed the TEAM of the Summer Academic Recovery Program offered through the Atlanta Public School's District. This program will run for 3 years to help make up for the learning loss due to virtual learning during the pandemic. Additionally, there will be 30 extra minutes added to the regular school year for the next two years.

Parents will have to provide transportation for their child participating in the Summer Academic Recovery Program. The deadline for parents to register for this program is May 7, 2021. As of now, our registration is low. We only have nine students who registered for the Summer Academic Recovery Program. Right now, summer school is scheduled to be at Finch for only Finch students. However, if we do not get enough kids to register, we may have to combine with another school and possibly move to a different location.

- Cares Act II Budget
Principal Taylor informed the TEAM of extra funds that have been allocated to Finch through the Cares Act II Budget. We will have \$172,456. The bulk of the money will go for instruction and staff training. Additionally, we will run an afterschool tutorial program 2 days per week. Principal Taylor is also considering using the funds to pay two AmeriCorps people to come in and provide small group instruction to kids. The AmeriCorps staff will receive training from the coaches. The money will be spent by next Friday.

VII. Announcements

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- **Our next meeting will be the Fall of 2021**

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Mr. C. E. Patten](#); Seconded by: [Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler](#)
Members Approving: Ms. Melinda Malone, Ms. Seggee Davis, Ms. Maya Johnson, Dr. Delleni Guest, Mr. Michael Bracey, Mrs. Wanda Washington, and Ms. Nartasha Smith

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion [Passes/Fails] Passes

ADJOURNED AT 4:29PM

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

Position: [Secretary](#)

Date Approved: [8/26/2021](#)