

## Finch Elementary School

Date: 11/21/2019

Time: 3:30PM

Location: Principal's Conference Room

- I. Call to order: 3:30PM
- II. Roll Call

| Role                   | Name (or Vacant)          | Present or Absent |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Principal              | Forrestella Taylor        | Present           |
| Parent/Guardian        | Melinda Malone            | Absent            |
| Parent/Guardian        | Kimberly Lockett          | Present           |
| Parent/Guardian        | Maya Johnson              | Present           |
| Instructional Staff    | Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler | Present           |
| Instructional Staff    | Shaun German-Tucker       | Present           |
| Instructional Staff    | Nartasha Smith            | Present           |
| Community Member       | Larry Banks               | Absent            |
| Community Member       | Michael Bracey            | Present           |
| Swing Seat             | Wanda Washington          | Present           |
| Student (High Schools) |                           |                   |

Guests Present: None

Quorum Established: Yes

### Finch's Public Comment Format

Opportunities for public comment are available for Finch Elementary School GO TEAM to hear from members of the community.

1. Stakeholders wishing to provide comment during GO TEAM meetings should arrive at the Finch Elementary Media Center at least ten (10) minutes before the meeting begins, and sign in. Stakeholders' comments will be heard in the order in which individuals signed in.
2. Twenty (20) minutes of time during the GO TEAM meeting will be offered to the public to make comments. Each individual is asked to please plan to speak no more than two (2) minutes.

GO TEAM members will not provide response or engage in direct conversation during meetings.

### III. Action Items *(add items as needed)*

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: [Nartasha Smith](#); Seconded by: [Shaun German-Tucker](#)  
**Members Approving:** Kimberly Lockett, Michael Bracey, Maya Johnson, Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler, and Wanda Washington  
**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: [Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler](#); Seconded by: [\[Insert Name\] Maya Johnson](#)  
**Members Approving:** Kimberly Lockett, Michael Bracey, Nartasha Smith, Shaun German-Tucker and Wanda Washington  
**Members Opposing:** 0  
**Members Abstaining:** 0  
**Motion [Passes/Fails] Passes**

### IV. Discussion Items

- a. **Revision of current Parent Compact:**  
Principal Taylor discussed with the GO TEAM the lack of parental involvement over the past weeks, especially for academic meetings. We visited the Strategic Goals set by our school for this year, particularly the priorities under Culture. We found that though we had as a school done all we knew to do in communicating school activities to parents (i.e. push notifications through our App, website, flyers, social media outlets and telephone calls). As a team we felt that we needed our parents to be more accountable. This led us to look more carefully at our School-Parent Compact. We discovered the wording of the School-Parent Compact wasn't very specific and clear. As a result, the compact would be edited to include clear smart goals for reading and math. Additionally, it was recommended that parents attend at least 50% of parent meetings in order for students to participate in extracurricular activities. Students will not be denied opportunities, however parents will have to accompany their child to events if they have not attended scheduled parent meetings.

The issue was raised about parents who may feel uncomfortable attending meetings or volunteering due to their background. It was determined that those parents with an unfavorable background will be given opportunities to engage in their child's education in other ways (i.e. door greeters, copies, and directing

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traffic). Also, the parent who exceeded the goal of 50% will be recognized during award's day at the end of the year as the Parent of the Year!

The team agreed that the School-Parent Compact should be changed. Mrs. Taylor and Ms. Wise, the parent liaison, will work to edit the School-Parent Compact to make sure the language is clear and numeric. The School-Parent Compact will be sent out to the GO TEAM and the parents in January.

### V. Information Items

#### a. 2019 CCRPI Review

We watched a video about CCRPI so that everyone would understand the components of CCRPI. Our current CCRPI is 61.4, last year's was 62.8. We had a drop of 1.4. We analyzed each of the components of CCRPI and discovered our progress gained was 1.9. We have moved up the list of Atlanta Public Schools and we are third in our cluster trailing behind Carver Early and Sylvan. However, in order to increase our CCRPI, we are implementing small group instruction daily and with fidelity. Additionally, our fifth grade is departmentalized. We believe that our daily practices will aid in closing the gaps and higher achievement, thereby raising our CCRPI for the year to come.

### VI. Announcements

- a. Thanksgiving Recess (November 25-29, 2019)
- b. Next Meeting – January 23, 2019 at 3:30PM

### VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler](#); Seconded by: [Nartasha Smith](#)  
**Members Approving:** Kimberly Lockett, Shaun German-Tucker, Melinda Malone, Michael Bracey, Maya Johnson, and Wanda Washington  
**Members Opposing:** 0  
**Members Abstaining:** 0  
**Motion [Passes/Fails] Passes**

**ADJOURNED AT 4:49PM**

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

**Position:** [Secretary of GO Team](#)

**Date Approved:** [\[Insert Date the Minutes are APPROVED by the GO Team\]](#)