

Finch Elementary School

Date: 9/23/21

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: Zoom

- I. Call to order: 3:30 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	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	Absent
Community Member	Terra Washington	Present
Swing Seat	Mrs. Wanda Washington	Present
Student (High Schools)	N/A	

Guests Present: Anntionette Thompson- School Counselor

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler; Seconded by: Ms. Maya Johnson
Members Approving: Mrs. Nartasha Smith-Willis, Dr. Delleni Guest, 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: Ms. Maya Johnson ; Seconded by: Mrs. Karmishala Bentley
Members Approving: Mrs. Nartasha Smith-Willis, Dr. Delleni Guest, and Mrs. Wanda Washington
Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion [Passes/Fails] Passes

c. **Fill vacant Parent Position- Ms. Rikita Maples**

Vacant Position:	[Parent, Staff, Community, Swing]
Nominee's Name:	Ms. Rikita Maples
GO Team Members In favor	Ms. Maya Johnson, Dr. Delleni Guest, Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler, Mrs. Nartasha Smith-Willis, and Mrs. Wanda Washington
GO Team Members Opposed	None
GO Team Members Abstaining	None

Motion made by: [Ms. Maya Johnson](#); Seconded by: [Dr. Delleni Guest](#)

Members Approving: Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler, Mrs. Nartasha Smith-Willis, and Mrs. Wanda Washington

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion [Passes/Fails] Passes

d. **Fill open Community Member Seat- Ms. Terra Washington-Oakland City Community**

Open Position:	Community Member
Nominee's Name:	Ms. Terra Washington
GO Team Members In favor	Mrs. Nartasha Smith-Willis, Mrs. Wanda Washington, Ms. Melinda Malone, Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler Dr. Delleni Guest, and Ms. Maya Johnson
GO Team Members Opposed	None
GO Team Members Abstaining	None

Motion made by: [Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler](#); Seconded by: [Mrs. Wanda Washington](#)

Members Approving: Ms. Maya Johnson, Mrs. Nartasha Smith-Willis, and Dr. Delleni Guest, and Ms. Melinda Malone

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion [Passes/Fails] Passes

e. **Review and Approve Public Comment**

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

1. If the meeting is held virtually, stakeholders wishing to provide comment during GO TEAM meetings should join the link at least 10 minutes before the meeting begins and sign in.
2. If the meeting is held face to face, 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.
3. Twenty (20) minutes of time during the GO TEAM meeting will be offered to the public to make comments. Everyone 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.

Motion made by: [Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler](#); Seconded by: [Ms. Maya Johnson](#)

Members Approving: Mrs. Nartasha Smith-Willis, and Ms. Rikita Maples, Mrs. Nartasha Smith-Willis, Dr. Delleni Guest, Ms. Terra Washington, and Mrs. Wanda Washington

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion [Passes/Fails] Passes

IV. Discussion Items

a. **Strategic Planning Workshop- Choices All Virtual**

Saturday, October 2nd from 9-11 AM

Monday, October 4th from 4:30-6:30 PM

Tuesday, October 5th from 7-9 PM

The Go Team decided on October 4th from 4:30-6:30 PM

This will be a great opportunity for the Go Team members to become aware of the new strategic plan.

V. Information Items

a. **Principal's Report: SY22 School Improvement Plan**

Mrs. Taylor shared the 2021 School Planning Workbook with the Go Team. She stated that the last major data point was in 2019 pre-covid and that the attendance dropped to 40.6% and she wants the attendance to meet the 80% mark. Mrs. Taylor also talked about whole child intervention and how it is conducted by the social worker, counselor, and attendance secretary and explain

that the extra 30-minute block is dedicated to the whole child intervention. She also mentions the STAP-Short Term Action Plans for the school and how the teacher has a one-hour planning session every morning. Mrs. Bentley-Cuyler explained to the Go Team that they meet with specialists and learning coaches to dig deeper into what goes on in the classroom and to re-evaluate the information that is taught to see if it needs to be retaught to the students. Mrs. Taylor stated that the STAP will continue until the middle of October. Mrs. Smith-Willis will send out a hard copy to the team so that it can be review and discussed possibly at the next Go Team Meeting.

b. **School Counselor Advisory Committee Overview- Presented by Counselor Thompson]**

Mrs. Thompson wants the Go Team members to be a part of the school counselor advisory board. This board will meet 2x a year and if the Go Team agrees this meeting will be considered the first meeting of two. Mrs. Thompson explained that she wants the school to become RAMP certified and that the school is well on its way to achieving this. She told the team that she is trying a holistic approach and she wants to help with the school community more to better understand the students and their families.

VI. Announcements

- Next Meeting- October 28,2021 at 3:30 pm

Ms. Malone mentioned that at the community meeting she just left that Finch Elementary was being mentioned because we have a full-time social worker. Mrs. Taylor introduced Dr. Daundria Phillips who was a guest/observer at the meeting. Dr. Phillips is the Finch Elementary Representative from the GA Department of Education, and she is here to assist Mrs. Taylor in her work for school improvement.

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Mrs. Karmishala Bentley-Cuyler](#); Seconded by: [Mrs. Wanda Washington](#)

Members Approving: Ms. Melinda Malone, Ms. Maya Johnson, Ms. Rikita Maples, Mrs. Nartasha Smith-Willis, Dr. Delleni Guest, and Ms. Terra Washington

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion [Passes/Fails] Passes

ADJOURNED AT [4:22 pm]

Minutes Taken By: [_Maya Johnson](#)

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

Meeting Minutes

Date Approved: [Insert Date the Minutes are **APPROVED** by the GO Team]