

Meeting Minutes

PERKERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Date: 9/18/25
Time: 4:00 PM
Location: Virtual

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I. Call to order: 4:05 PM

II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Chante' Blackwell	Present
Parent/Guardian	Carmen Tomlin	Absent
Parent/Guardian	Aryonna Muhammad-Williams	Present
Parent/Guardian	Satu Garret	Present
Instructional Staff	Stacie Walker	Present
Instructional Staff	Melvie Holmes	Absent
Instructional Staff	Kelsey Drew	Present
Community Member	Richard Harris	Present
Community Member	Walter Poole	Present
Swing Seat	Miguel Tuberquia	Present
Student (High Schools)	N/A	

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

a. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by: Satu Garret; Seconded by: Richard Harris

Members Approving: All Members Opposing: None Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *No Amendments*

Motion made by: Stacie Walker; Seconded by: Walter Poole

Members Approving: All Members Opposing: None Members Abstaining: None

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IV. Discussion Items

- a. School Strategic Plan
 - i. Strategic Plan & Priorities Review
 - ii. SMART Goals

Principal Blackwell presented the school's strategic plan based on milestone data. Outlined three strategic priorities/SMART goals focused on math, ELA, and attendance. The strategic plan includes specific action steps for each goal, with strategies for both general education and special education students. Implementation includes professional learning, coaching, structured literacy framework, and attendance improvement initiatives.

b. **Data Discussion**: The team reviewed MAP assessment data and Georgia Milestones results, by district, as a whole school, by grade level, and Special Education. The school has a large population of students in the "developing" category who could potentially move to proficient with targeted support. Special Education students show significant gaps, with the most students at "beginning" level in both reading and math. Test preparation strategies include creating conducive testing environments, teaching online response skills, and implementing SEL practices. Aryonna Muhammad-Willias: Noticed older students have larger learning gaps.

Satu Garrett: Observed a large number of students in the developing category but few in distinguished, wonders if students are pushing themselves.

Walter Poole: Asked about how many students did not take the tests.

Stacie Walker: Explained how differentiated math learning plans help students develop critical thinking skills needed for distinguished performance.

Richard Harris: Shared how the after-school program supports academic development through homework assistance and focus on the whole child.

V. Information Items

a. **Principal's Report** Principal Blackwell presented budget adjustments based on enrollment and ATSI designation. She reported enrollment of 305 students, exceeding the projection of 300, resulting in a budget increase from \$79,342 to \$109,152. She also outlined plans for spending the additional funds including hiring a part-time parent liaison, funding professional development, updating the media center, and hiring an hourly teacher for 3rd grade. Explained additional \$75,000 received as an ATSI school to support special education students. Funds will be used for substitutes to provide



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planning time for AU teachers, teacher tutors for targeted interventions, and Star Reading assessment tool to help continuous monitoring of Lexile scores.

Satu Garrett: Asked about plans for the school garden.

Chante' Blackwell: Has spoken with One Teach about a proposal for this.

b. **APS Forward 2040 – Comprehensive Long-Range Facilities Plan Update** Miguel Tuberquia provided information on upcoming facilities meetings. Team members were encouraged to attend to stay informed and ensure community awareness.

VI. Announcements

Diane Jacobi: Information was shared about the upcoming G3 Summit on September 27th from 8:30 to 2:30 at Atlanta College and Career Academy. Extended invitation to the full team, noting strategic planning work will be done by lunch and a New Member Orientation will be scheduled after.

Miguel Tuberquia: Our PTO's movie night is on Friday, September 26. We are looking for volunteers. Noted the survey for the comprehensive long-range facilities plan has been extended. Asked continue spreading the word and having community members take the survey.

VII. Public Comment – No Public Comment

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by: Satu Garret; Seconded by: Stacie Walker

Members Approving: All Members Opposing: None Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 5:15 PM

Minutes Taken By: Kelsey Drew Position: GO Team Secretary Date Approved: 10/9/2025