

MEETING NOTICE

School	Date	Time	Location
B.E.S.T. Academy at The Thomas W. Dortch Jr. Institute	10/7/24	5:00	Virtual Facebook Live Click Here To Visit Our Facebook Page

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Meeting Agenda

(agenda may be amended)

*This meeting **will not** allow for Public Comment.*



GO TEAM MEETING AGENDA

Date 10/7/2024 | **time** 5:00 PM | **Location** Via Zoom Participants and Role Assignments:

Robert Williams, Principal	P	Ricky Davis, Instructional Staff	P
Jason Brooks, Parent	A	Sonya Heard, Instructional Staff (Secretary)	P
Hope Dixon, Parent	P	Ray Singer, Community Member	P
Khaleah Warner, Parent	P	Vacant, Community Member	A
Ruquanda Epps-Primas, Instructional Staff	A	Dr. Vernon Smart, Swing Seat	P
Marcus Daniels, High School Student(Chair)	P	Jahlil Muhammad, Middle School Student	P

Timekeeper: Principal R. Williams

Note Taker: Ms. S. D. Heard (Secretary)

Time	Item	Owner
5:00 PM	Call to Order	Mr. Daniels (Chair)
5:02 PM	Roll Call- was lead by Ms. Heard Establish Quorum -established by the chair, Mr. Daniels	Mr. Daniels (Chair) and Ms. S.D. Heard

<p>5:05 PM</p>	<p><u>Action Items</u></p> <p>a. SEL Activity-Principal Williams presented the following: What is a song that stands out to you and why? If you have a song that stands out to you and why? There were various responses. Furthermore, Mr. Daniels shared that there were two vacancies to fill . The parent vacancy and our community vacancy. Also, we have to approve our agenda and approve our previous bills. So, first, we'll start off with the approval of our apparent vacancy.</p> <p><u>b. Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>The agenda was approved due to a motion by Mr. Singer and Dr. Smart. The agenda was proposed by Mr. Daniels (chair)</p> <p><u>c. Fill Open Community Member Seat</u></p> <p>First, the approval of the parent vacancy position was shared and a motion to approve Miss Warner as the parent representative was presented and the motion was moved by Mister Singer and seconded by Doctor Smart. Next, Miss Warner was welcomed to the team.Furthermore, the next motion to approve was having Mr. Atkins as the community representative . The motion was moved by Mr. Singer and received a second by Dr. Smart. Mr.Lawrence Atkins is the program assistant for Atlanta Metropolitan Upward Bound at Morehouse College. In addition, Mr. Atkins works very closely with Jonathan Drake to get our students into the aforementioned programs in order to provide academic advice and counseling services. Mr.Atkins shared additional details about the summer program, opportunities for students to earn college credit and the opportunities to the students of B.E.S.T. Academy.</p>	<p>Mr. Williams</p>
<p>5:10</p>	<p><u>Discussion Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CIP Deep Dive: Needs Assessments and Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Strategic Plan Updates & Priorities Review ii. SMART Goals b. Data Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 2024 Ga. Math Milestones Results ii.Spring to Fall Math Growth Data <p>Discussion items- CIP Deep Dive, Assessments and Goals focusing on the strategic plan updates and priorities review and our smart goals. We'll also be doing a data discussion. We'll be looking at our 2024 Georgia Math Milestones Results.</p> <p>Furthermore a discussion of the optional school uniform.occurred by voting whether the team wanted to move forward with the establishing optional school uniform. Also, if some decide for uniforms then the school uniform advisory committee.would need to be formed and a resolution establishing the school uniform advisory committee. The motion was moved by Ms. Heard and a second motion was given by Dr. Smart.</p> <p>Meeting review-The last meeting was September 9th, the call to order. A Quorum was established and a roll call . Formerly a SEL activity which was led by Principal Williams. The approved agenda. Furthermore, the team appointed our student</p>	

representatives, reviewed public comic protocol, set up the meeting calendar, reviewed the GO team meeting, and looked at information and discussion items. Also, the principal report was reviewed. Lastly, we viewed the enrollment and leveling update. The current enrollment is two hundred seventy-one students. Principal Williams discussed the strategic plan for last school year and addressed three goals on how they connect this year. We looked at the S.M.A.R.T. goals, data discussions, spring map, Georgia milestones, school uniform, principal court, and any discussions that the voting may need to share.

The Spring readings score which was 35% proficient or higher. Six and eighth grade had the highest gains. Seventh grade had the least gains. But they ranked third in our district. Also, we looked at middle school, Georgia Miles on Sports ninth, 29% and above ELA efficiency. We looked like 11th grade literature. 14% proficient and above. 8th grade Georgia studies. 10% proficient and above. US history 19% proficient and above. 8th grade science, 7% proficient and above. Biology was 12% proficient and above. Several suggestions were made including making the subject of science more “hands on”.

We looked at our glows and grows. The glows were the proficiency rate was going up in multiple areas. The growth was that the rates and science have dropped and required attention. Some wonderings reading improvement in area signs. Are there any tutorials that occur? Should root cause analysis be addressed? What work slash didn't work? Review, assessment, and look at exit ticketing, review assessment process, and literacy. A review of strategic priorities were to introduce the S.T.E.A.M. enriched curriculum to drive into disciplinary and project based teaching, and learning approaches.

We plan to utilize SEL to address whole child support for academic and social performance. We plan to use data to drive instruction and integrate technology within the classroom and with the students. We plan to strengthen staff capacity within content areas. We plan to increase family engagement. Regardless of strategic priorities, discussion of sixth and seventh grade produces sustainable results. The goal is to have proficiency growth. Suggested by Mr. Davis...have a Maymaster to introduce next year's concept. Discussion and opinion of students in mixed age groups. Jaleel, shared his experience.

i. 2024 Ga. Math Milestones Results

MATH

The 2024 middle school comparison experienced an increase for sixth grade. Students went from 9% proficient or higher to 20 percent after sixth grade. For seventh grade, for 2023, we went from 13% to 20. For eighth grade, we went from 16% to 35%. The highest growth was in eighth grade. For high school we saw an increase from the previous year in two thousand twenty-three. We had 12% as our proficient or higher. Versus this year, we are at 17% proficient or higher.

ELA

And so in looking at our S.M.A.R.T. goals -middle school, for literacy, we said the percentage of students in grades six through eight scoring proficient and above will increase by 9%. The goal is to move from 28% to 37%. The percentage of students in American literature at 11th grade level. Scoring proficient and above will increase. We have a a very high goal by 27% from 10% to 37% in June of twenty 25 and for the EOG, we want to make an increase by 11% percentage points for our EOG with numeracy and that for our attendance, we want to increase it by 5 percentage points and we have the monitoring measures below.

Discussion of signature program-various discussions, however everyone was in favor of STEAM concept.

Uniform Policy-voted in favor of uniforms and will incentivize the option for the upcoming school year. A committee will be formed to maintain compliance and operate with fidelity.

5:30p.m.

Information Items

a.Principal's Report

i.Security Report

The state granted \$45, 000 to the school and we're looking at adding cameras to different spaces, additional radios, even a badge reader outside of the media center because there's no key and there's no way to answer. CSK and B.E.S.T. will work together on this task.

5:35p.m.

Announcements

- CSK and BEST had a food pantry on site.
- Polo team will compete on October 13th at 12:30p.m. instead of 9:30a.m.
- October 22-Football game
- Adjournment-motion to dismiss meeting at 6:28pm. by Mr. Daniels, second of motion by Ms. Heard.

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