

BEST GO Team Minutes

January 18, 2024

Minutes by: Dr. Bruce E. Williams

The January 18th meeting was called to order by Dr. Jones, principal. A brief overview of the agenda, roll was called, a quorum was established and a reading of previous minutes by Dr. B. Williams. Dr. Jones stated, before delving into the data presentation, he wanted to emphasize the significance of both data and the constant pursuit of change. Our programs play a crucial role in setting us apart, complementing the importance of data. Among these programs are the pods: covering financial literacy, leadership, military, music, and STEM. Representatives from the 100 and other invested individuals regularly contribute to our community's developmental success.

Exclusive to our school system, we offer unique activities such as Best Boys Go Global, the Best Bike Club, and the Best Climbing Club. Our in-house barbershop now serves as an apprentice program, with local barbers teaching young men how to cut and obtain certification. The One Go partnership has proven to be exceptional for our juniors and seniors, even though it might not be immediately visible.

Dr. Jones also presented a data presentation, but due to privacy concerns, some slides with student names were skipped, he stated this presentation is comprehensive and intended for district office dignitaries.

Highlights included:

1. Program Overview:

- Mentioned unique programs like Best Boys Go Global, Best Bike Club, and Best Climbing Club.
- Briefed on One Go, emphasizing immersion, mentorship, and ongoing support for transitioning students.

2. In-school Initiatives:

- Highlighted the In-school Reimagination Museum on the third floor.
- Discussed the In-house Barbershop and its apprentice program.

- Touched upon the 100 Black Man Leadership Exploration Initiative, involving annual conferences.

3. Mentorship and Partnerships:

- Discussed various mentorship programs, including with the Collegiate 100 and the Emerging 100 and Ron Blue.
- Mentioned the partnership with Lyons Gate Films, a new high school polo team, and an esports gaming collaboration with Morris Brown College.

4. Educational Programs:

- Shared information about the Georgia Tech Near Peer program and the Morehouse Upward Bound program's Summer Institute.

5. Future Initiatives:

- Announced upcoming partnerships with Lyons Gate Films, the initiation of a high school polo team, and collaboration with West Georgia University for film and podcasting.
- Shared plans for the Ronald Blue Investment Club despite initial setbacks.

Summary: During the meeting led by Timothy Jones, various topics were discussed, primarily focused on academic progress, attendance, and behavior at Best Academy. Dr. Jones provided updates on graduation rates, student interventions, and strategies for addressing academic challenges. The presentation included details about students on track to graduate, attendance rates, discipline incidents, and various intervention strategies in place. Additionally, the meeting touched upon dual enrollment opportunities, partnerships with other institutions, and upcoming events, such as Best Academy Sunday at Thrive Church and Career Day. The meeting concluded with the announcement of future events and an invitation for professionals to participate in Career Day. Meeting was adjourned at 5:58 by Dr. Jones.