



March Minutes

(Agenda may be amended)

This meeting will allow for Public Comment

I. Call to Order:

- Meeting called to order by Dr. Smart at 5:10pm

II. Roll Call; Establish Quorum

Present: Dr. Jones, Dr. Gilliard, Dr. B. Williams, Dr. Smart, Mr. Strickland, Dr. Patterson, Mr. Battles

Absent: Alantae Tarver and Joshua Douglas (Students), Mr. Gibbons

Guest: Mr. Casey Landrum, Assistant Principal, Ms. Diane Jacobi – GO Team, Mr. T. Norman, Teacher, U. Smith, Instructional Coach and Ms. Kelley, Business Manager

III. Action Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Smart / 2nd by Dr. Patterson

B. Approval of Previous Minutes

Approval of February 17th Minutes (Dr. Smart/2nd by Mr. Strickland)

C. Appointment of Vacant Seat

- Dr. Jones recommended Mrs. Epps-Primas to fill the vacant faculty position.
- Mr. Strickland asked how Mrs. Primas with all the roles she play at BEST, how is being a member add value to the Go Team with such a demanding schedule.
- Mrs. Primas spoke eloquently of being a resource in serving all students grades 6-12, being a part of the team will only elevate a voice for students based on the data.
- Ms. Kelley stated her perspective from all areas is an asset to the Go Team.
- Dr. Patterson reiterated for those logging in after the recommendation that Mrs. Epps-Primas is replacing a staff member.
- Motion made by Dr. Patterson for approval of Mrs. Epps-Primas/2nd by Keith Strickland. (June 30th 2024 Ruquanda Epps-Primas)
Dr. Gilliard - Abstention

IV. Discussion Items

A. Discussion of approved final budget

- Approval meeting took place on March 9th
- Dr. Jones gave an overview of the FY 24 Budget, which was on step 7. Go Team will give input or ask questions.
- GO Team will make recommendations and vote at the end of night meeting.
- #1 - Three items of importance: Full-time Signature specialist, Additional teacher in 8th Grade (Social Studies), and Increase allotment to have a full-time registrar.

- #2 - All our priorities are aligned to APS 5
 - Ms. Kelley gave a synopsis of the visit from our last visit from PL Committee on Personal Learning (feedback was a remarkable turn-around)
- Cares Allocation Budget: Line #7 - \$158,236 bulk in personnel (teacher in dual role)
Line: 138: (SST Intervention Specialist)
\$26,509 - Left after personnel
\$5,000 - Contract Services
\$6,509 - Computer software
\$10,000 - Transportation for After-school program
\$5,000 student incentives
Sub funds 12 days @ \$104 + \$1,266

The CARES budget finalized for the 23/24 year. No CARES funds after SY24
Parent Engagement Funds: \$6,000 – using APS 5 as focus areas (Workshops \$1,500,
Material/supplies - \$2,500 and Refreshments \$1,000

- Staffing Conferences: No Allocations
- Reserve/Holdback Funds: \$16,488 (no holdback) As a single-gender school, we have no reserve.
- APS blessed with 2 counselors under a grant who will work a year / half (practicum)
- Graduation Coach – Mr. Randolph
- Signature Program
- Shared: Nurse not for (23/24)/ MTSS with Douglass high and Chorus with Sylvan Hills

Budget motion to go into voting: Dr. Smart / 2nd Mr. Strickland
Voting was done by roll call – Dr. Gilliard Abstention

- B. Testing updates – Ms. Kelley gave an synopsis of our scholars testing, and how important it is for them to take testing seriously, and to put forth their BEST. MAP results: **Green Proficient**, **Blue and distinguish**, **red beginning level- 2 or more grade levels below**.

Testing season 3 times a year:

- Aug/Sept
- Nov/December (winter)
- March 1st week ELA / 2nd week Math

V. Information Items

Mr. Landsman introduced himself as new Assistant Principal

VI. Announcements

- Taste of BEST:** Saturday, March 11th (9am – 12noon)
- Parent-Teacher Conference:** Monday, March 13th (4:00pm – 6:00pm)
- No School (PD):** Monday, March 20th
- SAT (11th grade):** Wednesday, March 22nd
- BEST Boys Go Global:** March 27th - April 8th
- ACT (11th grade):** Tuesday, March 28th

G. **Junior/Senior Prom:** Renaissance Atlanta Hotel - April 14th

H. **Next Meeting:** Year-in-review

VII. Adjournment - 6:13 by Dr. Jones