

**Barack and Michelle Obama Academy**

**Date: 02/19/2024**

**Time: 4:45 PM**

**Location: 970 Martin Street SE,  
 Atlanta, GA 30315 (Media Center)**

- a. Call to order: 4:51 PM
- b. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Dr. Robin Christian	Present
Parent/Guardian	Alicia DeCriscio	Present
Parent/Guardian	Nichola Joseph	Absent
Parent/Guardian	Carol Dell	Absent
Instructional Staff	Tanaka Appling	Present
Instructional Staff	Mia Lawrence	Absent
Instructional Staff	Gerren Bell	Present
Community Member	Kenya Thompson	Present
Community Member	Rick Laupis	Present
Swing Seat	Katie Beacham	Present
Student (High Schools)		

**Quorum Established: Yes**

**c. Action Items**

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Kenya Thompson; Seconded by:  
 Members Approving: 7  
 Members Opposing: 0  
 Members Abstaining: 0  
**Motion Passes**
- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** List amendments to the minutes:  
 Motion made by: Rick Laupis; Seconded by: Alicia DeCriscio  
 Members Approving: 7  
 Members Opposing: 0  
 Members Abstaining: 0  
**Motion Passes**

- c. **Discussion Item 1: Review Budget Development Process**
- The following steps have been completed. Step 1: Data Review, Step 2: Strategic Plan Review, Step3: Budget Parameters (Strategic Priorities). We are now on Step 4: Budget Choices
  - Overview of FY 25 GO Team Budget Process we are on We are on Step 3: Go Team Initial Budget Session (January 17- February) Step 5: GO Team Feedback Session (February and ongoing if necessary).
  - Budget Allocation Meeting (held last meeting)
  - Principal’s Role-Design the budget and propose operational changes that can raise student achievement; – Flesh out strategies, implement and manage them at the school level; – Focus on support day-to-day operations. – Serve as the expert of the school; -Hire quality instructional and support personnel
  - GO Teams Role- Focus on the big picture (positions and resources, not people); Ensure that the budget is aligned to the school’s mission and vision and that resources are allocated to support key strategic priorities.
  - BaMO Strategic Plan- Priority Ranking and FY25 Budget Parameters
- d. **Discussion Item 2: Budget Allocation Presentation**
- This budget plan represents an investment plan for our school, community and students and staff. The budget recommendations are tied directly to the school’s strategic vision and direction. The proposed budget is \$4,809,726.00. This investment plan for FY25 accommodates a student population that is projected to be 247 students, which is an increase of 6 students from FY24.
  - School Allocation- weighted based on pupils in school and breaks it down by grade level. We asked the question about why we did not receive the full small school grant. Principal Christian stated they gave her an answer that made since, she will be asking them to tell her again at her next meeting.
  - Draft Budget Feedback-
    - Priorities-
    - APS Five Focus Area- Curriculum & Instruction, Whole Child Intervention
    - Strategies- Provide smaller class sizes, professional learning in-classroom, modeling/feedback.
    - Requests- Gain primary teacher, Master Teacher Leader for math, paraprofessional support.
    - Amounts- \$211,448, \$105,724 \$261,617.00,
  - Plan for FY25 Title I Family Engagement Funds-

- Priorities- Inform, engage, and activate our parents and the community.
- APS FIVE Focus Area- Curriculum & Instruction; whole child intervention
- Strategies- Promote teacher and parent relationships through academic conferences, schoolwide academic events, weekly courier and even flyers.
- Requests- Academic materials, refreshments, special guest, printing materials.
- Amount- \$7,350.00
- Plan for FY25 Leveling Reserve- Amount \$55,817- will include whole child & intervention, curriculum, & instruction Signature Programming. Strategies- Transportation, after school tutorial, field trips, instructional materials for literacy and math. Request- buses, field trip transportation, student admissions, classroom material & supplies, teacher stipends, club scholarships.
- Plan for FY25 Title I Holdback- Amounts \$17,640- Utilize various Interventions to support to support closing our current academic. Provide targeted small group instruction to scholars in literacy and math. Provide a teacher tutor support small group instruction.
- Summary of Position Changes to support the strategic plan.
  - Created- Master Teacher Leader      Removed- Two Paraprofessionals
  - Kindergarten Teacher                      Removed- Three Teacher Tutors and Literacy Instructional Coach
- What's next? February- HR Staffing Conference/March- Final GO Team Budget Meeting.

**d. Information Items**

**a. Principal's Report-**

- Academics-
  - I Love Math Day
  - Visit from Commissioner Amy Jenkins, DECAL
  - BaMO will be a Summer School Site
  - BaMO scholar placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the District Tech Fair
  - 4 BaMO scholars placed in the District Science Fair
- The Arts-
  - Jackson Cluster Night Success
  - Annual Black History Celebration Feb. 28, 2024 @ 6 PM
  - Bolton Academy Black History Parade- March 1<sup>st</sup>

- St Patrick's Day Parade
  - News to Share- Annual PTA Sneaker Ball
  - February Attendance Challenge
  - Hosted by Boy Scouts Annual Pinewood Derby
  - KaBOOM Playground Initiative
- e. Announcements: Please complete ALL GO Team Training (Budget Training)**

**f. Adjournment**

Motion made by: [Katie Beacham](#); Seconded by: [Kenya Thompson](#)

Members Approving: 7

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

**Motion Passes**

**ADJOURNED AT 5:41 PM**

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**Minutes Taken By:** [Tanaka Appling](#)

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

**Date Approved:**