

Meeting Summary

Barack and Michelle Obama Academy

Date: 5/19/2020

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Virtual Zoom Call

I. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Robin Christian	P
Parent/Guardian	Shelbia Blackwell	A
Parent/Guardian	Lakita Mercadel	P
Parent/Guardian	Alicia Decrescio	P
Instructional Staff	Shirley Freeman	P
Instructional Staff	Loraine Foushee	P
Instructional Staff	Shannon Holloman	P
Community Member	Aiyanna Cottman	P
Community Member	Ann Fowler	A
Swing Seat	Barbara Coble	A
Student (High Schools)		

Visitors: D. Jacobi, M. Scott

II. Action Items

- a. Approval of Agenda (Motion: Lorain Foushee, Second: Aiyanna Cottman, passed with 7)

III. Discussion Items

- a. This meeting is to review the FY21 budget due to the initial cuts by the district.
- b. Our original FY21 budget was \$4,592,494. The revised budget is \$4,245,527, a difference of \$246,967.
- c. APS trued up salaries for teachers, including benefits. This helped manage the \$247,000 difference. When the budget arrived to our school based team we had to revise our original budget by approximately \$46,000.
- d. The district worked hard to alleviate costs at the central office first, before taking from the schools. Each department was asked to cut their budget by 15%.
- e. The district also sent out a survey to staff to provide input on how to best save money in the district. They provided approximately ten options to rate on best choice for saving funds.

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- f. The school-based team worked to remove money from areas that did not impact class sizes or personnel. Stipends were removed from the budget. Field trip transportation was also removed. A small amount from resources/supplies was also taken to balance the budget again.
 - g. Luckily, we were able to purchase most of our digital resources from FY20 funds for the upcoming school year. This saved us around \$23,000 in the FY21 budget.
 - h. We hope to connect with our partners to support field trips for the upcoming school year. We will also be leaning on them to support possible additional programming in the school, if we are able to return to campus in the fall.
 - i. Ms. Cottman asked when the district will be back to the table with the final amount of money that may be lost within the budget.
 - i. At this time, we are waiting for the Georgia General Assembly to be back in session. They have not set the budget. This will take place around June 15th. Funding will be based on revenue we receive from the city and state. These budget restraint could be effected for the next 3-5 years.
 - j. While we hope to not lose any additional funding, our next area that we would have to cut would be our Community In Schools Advocate for the 2020-2021 school year. This individual has not yet been selected, but we did allocate funds for the partnership with CIS. We hope to not have to lose any positions, but we want to be transparent in what positions may be lost if we are asked to reduce our budgets again.
- IV. Information Items**
- a. Principal's Report
 - i. We are excited that Emmaus House will be hosting a virtual reading program with our rising second and third grade scholars. Scholars will receive daily reading support from a mentor.
 - ii. Virtual learning has gone well, even though it has not been ideal. We love seeing our scholars in person!
 - iii. The staff is currently packing the building to prepare for our move to Bethune.
 - iv. Our awards ceremonies are happening this week for PreK-5th.
- V. Announcements**
- a. S. Holloman stated that team members need to complete the self-reflection survey and the Principal's feedback form on the GO Team platform.
- VI. Public Comment**
- VII. Adjournment: Motion** [Meeting adjourned at 3:44 PM.](#)