**Booker T. Washington High School**

**Date: February 12, 2025**

**Time: 5:30 PM**

**Location: Media Center and Zoom**

1. **Call to order: 5:58 PM**
2. **Roll Call**

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| **Role** | **Name** *(or Vacant)* | **Present or Absent** |
| **Principal** | **Tiauna Crooms** | **Present** |
| **Parent/Guardian** | **Nicole Riggins** | **Present** |
| **Parent/Guardian** | **Sherry Kimbrough** | **Absent** |
| **Parent/Guardian** | **Makasia Lightfoot** | **Absent** |
| **Instructional Staff** | **Jonathan Montes de Oca** | **Present** |
| **Instructional Staff** | **Nichole Shabazz** | **Present** |
| **Instructional Staff** | **Liza Newberry** | **Present** |
| **Community Member** | **Tamekia Askew** | **Present** |
| **Community Member** | **Lalita Washington** | **Present** |
| **Community Member** | **Kimberly Dukes** | **Present** |
| **Swing Seat** | **Robert Malloy** | **Absent** |
| **Student** | **Aniya Terry** | **Present** |
| **Student** | **Tyrese Amos** | **Present** |

**Quorum Established: Yes**

1. **Action Items**
   1. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Jonathan Montes de Oca; Seconded by: Tamekia Askew

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

**Motion: Passes**

* 1. **Approval of Previous Minutes:**

Motion made by: Jonathan Montes de Oca; Seconded by: Tamekia Askew

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

**Motion: Passes**

* 1. **Action Item 1: Motion: To Table Voting appointing a new Secretary until the March Meeting**

Motion made by: Jonathan Montes de Oca; Seconded by: Aniya Terry

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

**Motion Passes**

* 1. **Action Item 2: Motion: To Table Cell Phone Policy Committee until FY 26**

Motion made by: Jonathan Montes de Oca; Seconded by: Jonathan Montes de Oca

Members Approving: Riggins, Dukes, Terry, Newberry

Members Opposing: Askew, Montes de Oca, Shabazz

Members Abstaining: Amos

**Motion: Fails**

* 1. **Action Item 3: Motion to Approve Draft Budget**

Motion made by: Jonathan Montes de Oca; Seconded by: Tamekia Askew

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

**Motion: Passes**

1. **Discussion Items**
   1. **Discussion Item 1**: FY26 Budget Development and Priorities: Tiauna Crooms, Interim Principal presented FY26 budget development process, focusing on the alignment of the school's key strategic priorities. She emphasized the importance of the roles of both the principal and the goal team in the budget development process. Principal Crooms also highlighted the new additions to the process, including collaboration on the use of school-level flexibility for position allocations, turnaround initiatives, and signature programming. The team had previously reviewed and identified their strategic plan and priorities. Principal Crooms also provided a summary of the budget, emphasizing that it represents an investment plan for the school and its stakeholders.

Principal Crooms explained the rationale behind the elimination of positions, the creation of new positions, and retaining positions. Principal Crooms also emphasized that three fourths of the student population at Booker T. Washington High School are either in receiving Tier 2 Support, Tier 3 Support or receiving supports in our Exceptional Learning Classes. Nicole Riggins shared concerns about not having enough support for three fourths of the population. Principal Crooms showed where there were additional funds for the Behavior Specialist that was needed based on our school population.

* 1. **Discussion Item 2: Pausing the Cellphone Committee Process:** In the meeting, Nicole raised a concern that Booker T. Washington High School developing a Cell Phone Policy may be presumptive as the district is working on a new policy and the policies may conflict. Several team members felt that it was best to have something as the cell phones are a huge distraction in the classroom. The team voted against pausing the Committee Process.

1. **Information Items**
   1. **Uniform Committee and Cell Phone Committee Meeting Schedule:**

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| The Committee Meeting for these areas will begin after the Winter Break |

* 1. **Principal Selection Process:**

This was presented by a representative from the Human Resources Department.

1. **Announcements:** Principal Crooms and Ms. Shabazz highlighted several students that have received awards in various competitions. Nicole Riggins highlighted that several students were able to participate in Say Yes to Prom and received all items needed for Prom.
2. **Adjournment**

Motion made by: Jonathan Montes de Oca; Seconded by: Tamekia Askew

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

**Motion: Passes**

**ADJOURNED AT: 7:48 pm**

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**Minutes Taken By:** Nicole Riggins and Zoom AI

**Position:** Chair

**Date Approved:**