

BTW GO Team Meeting Minutes**



**** The meeting timeline changed somewhat, but the information is the same**

4:40 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kameel Nuri, Sean Freeman, Larry Alford, A. Coaxum-Young, Nina Packer, Jerol Smith, Byron Amos, **NOT PRESENT:** Elicia Ellis, Teresa Beasley Johnson

GUESTS

C. Jackson
Valerie Williams
Marcie Wynn
Shalisa Brewer (by way of Facetime)
Chaunda Gipson, GO TEAM Staffer
Frances Crumel-Roberts
George Dusenbury
Andrew White

ICall to Order

ARoll Call

BEstablish Quorum

Quorum Met? **YES** NO

IIIAction Items

AApproval of Agenda Kameel Nuri motioned -- Jerol Smith (Seconded)

BApproval of Previous Minutes (need to mark Sean Freeman present on AUG minutes)
Sean Freeman motioned with the correction Kameel Nuri seconded

CFill Open Swing Seat Jerol Smith brings forth the name of nominee Shalisa Brewer, providing brief rationale on why she is a fit for the role. Sean Freeman motions to accept nomination of Shalisa Brewer Jerol Smith seconded SIX approving

IIPublic Comment

Valerie Williams - - What are the committees?? Are we working in synchronization with BTW faculty / staff who may have similar programming going on? (just so there is no overlap in programming) Are the legacy documentation and the marketing / communication two different things? What are we doing with these committees??

IVInformation Items

AHonoring Our Past Presentation - Ms. Jackson - Washington Park Conservancy Chair of the Conservancy at Washington Park. It is a community based non profit, that advocates on behalf of Washington Pk. 1919 was the year that the city ratified the building of the park. The organization itself has been in existence since 2007 - She has been at the helm since 2010.

Community service - - neighborhood cleanups, MLK service day, a pocket park, partner with Covenant House, Partnering with Harper Park on OCT 12. Conservancy is working with a professional pressure washing company to clean up the edifice of the Harper statue itself - - Mr. Heman Perry, 1919 donated 6.5 acres of his land, to earmark a park specifically for Black people. Sold the portion of his land, on which the school sits, for \$200,000.00

Ms. Jackson goes on to talk about the Great fire of 1907 -- the majority of the black population was living in old fourth ward at the time. . That was part of the catalyst which pushed a good deal of African Americans further westside. .

She is open to partnering with the school and its students, to conduct a historical walking tour. . The actual founding day activity for the park is November 3, 2019.

The website for the park conservancy is:

www.conservancyathwp.org

Carolyn Jackson:

conservancyhwp@gmail.com

Kameel Nuri would like to tie in his Great American Explorers with the initiatives that Ms. Jackson has presented.

BThe Trust for Public Land - Public Greenspace at BTW

George Dusenbury - -(Trust for Public Land - - they partner with Park Pride)

Andrew White - Director of Park Visioning / Park Pride

We are a national organization, whose charge is to make sure everyone is within a 10 minute walk to a park.

\$100,000.00 would be infused into the school, for the purposes of improving the school and its green space.

Questions:

NPacker - - what are other locations that are precedent-setting, for what you are hoping to do here?

LAIford: Limitation on Funding? IS there an allocation to build structures? Is there a way to build a concessions?? Byron interjects that there is a fieldhouse coming. .

We have a pretty secure campus, so how is it you all propose to construct an edifice that is used by both the community and the school? ?

Nuri: is there a possibility to grow an edible garden, which would tie in to our culinary arts?

Smith: suggests a Little Free Library - -

Freeman: what are some things you have brainstormed? Artificial turf??pavilions, benches, green infrastructure - so that when it rains you are preventing erosion. .

NPacker: ongoing maintenance?? What's built into the strategy for ongoing maintenance to maintain the land, so that it is ready for the school to use the next week?

The maintenance is going to need to be provided by exisitng school infrastructure.

Amos: is the \$100,000.00 per site or the entire process?? Answer - - it is school specific
Duplication of services - - with the Washington Park nearby - -

Nuri: Can you find a school with similar culture / similar demographics that you have partnered with, that you could give us the names of? There is also the consideration - what is the impact of such a project in terms of the effect it would have on the historical designation of the school?

IT IS TO BE NOTED: The consideration of the issue of land for public trust, is not within our scope of the BTW GO TEAM governance. . It is a district decision, the presenters

presented their orientation, and that is left as is. . A discussion point was brought forth by Chaunda Gipson and other district personnel which clarified this role.

CPrincipal's Report

School enrollment - -currently is at 733 - looking to add a math position and another ELA position. . Adding 2 additional security personnel -- and an additional instructional staffer. . Another clerk is in the pipeline, possibly. . Of course next year, with receiving Hollis' kids, we are looking at 200 additional kids. . . on top of what we have now. . Right now, we are trending 200 students that have missed at least 5 days, into this school year.

Nuri: is there some sort of summit we as a BTW GO team can pull together with our feeder school go teams. Gipson interjects that each school has a GO TEAM cluster representative, and that our feeder school's cluster representative can meet with BTW's cluster representative (Nina Packer) to collaboratively plan upstream / downstream strategies. . .during an advisory meeting. Alternatively, there is a GO TEAM summit, SEPT 28th - -

VAnnouncements

A Chair's Committee Announcement

Community Engagement and Activation Committee - -will work closely with Parent Liaison, it is up to the committee to roll out the game plan - -B Amos would like it to be staffed heavily with parents. Larry Alford volunteers to chair this committee.

The BTW Legacy Documentation Committee - - We actually have a go team member that wants to document formally the 95th anniversary activities. The more appropriate name needs to have marketing / communications as part of the name. So what we need to name it is?? A communications / promotions committee when it comes to Washington?? (Byron is asking for clarification)

GoTeam Development and School Strategic Planning Committee - - Strategic planning -- (according to Gipson there is no need for a Strategic Plan Committee, because that falls on the entire GO TEAM to strategically plan).

NURI: in terms of these committees, might there be a need for a committee that is heavy-ended with partners? Byron suggests bringing this in on next agenda

Coaxum-Young: I think we need to align the committees to what the key challenges of the school are - - student attendance, home visits. .

BGreat Atlanta Bash

CFounder's Week

DHomecoming Week

Wynn shares a flyer that encompasses all of the 95th year celebration events

A **Day of Sports** (left out of flyer) will be Day of Sports, SAT Sept 21st, which include an Athletic Hall of Fame,

VIAdjournment

5:50 PM - - Nina Packer motions meeting to adjourn, Freeman seconded