

**David T. Howard Middle School**

**Date: October 8, 2024**

**Time: 4:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.**

**Location: Media Center and YouTube**

**I. Call to Order: 4:51pm**

**II. Roll Call; Establish Quorum**

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Tekeshia Hollis	present
Parent/Guardian	Doug Brooks	present
Parent/Guardian	Deonne Malick El-Deiry, Secretary & CAT	present
Parent/Guardian	Shalanda Miller, Chair	present
Instructional Staff	Regina Bryant	present
Instructional Staff	Sudie Nolan	present
Instructional Staff	Marquita Moore, Vice Chair	present
Community Member	Heena Patel	present
Community Member	Boyd Baker	present
Swing Seat	Andrew Anglin	present

**III. Action Items**

**A. Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Moore Seconded by: Nolan

**Motion:** Passes Unanimously

**B. Approval of September 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes :** Motion made by: Nolan

Seconded by: Anglin

**Motion:** Passes Unanimously

**IV. Public Comment (10 minutes, 2 minutes per speaker)**

**A. No in person or virtual public comments.** Principal Hollis confirmed no one signed up on Public Comment Google Form.

**V. Discussion Items**

**A. Discussion Item 1: School Strategic Plan presented by Principal Hollis**

Resources: [Presentation](#)

Recording: [Discussion starts at timer 6:28](#)

- i. **CIP Deep Dive: Needs Assessments and Goals**
- ii. **SMART Goals:** Beginning discussions were had regarding edits and additions of the Howard Middle School Strategic Goals including what data point Milestones versus MAP to use. **English Learners (EL):** adding the subgroup: “EL: English Learners” within strategic goals. In addition, **Middle School Literacy** support was discussed given the APS Readers for Leaders district initiative. It was relayed that nothing formal has been rolled out from the district regarding additional 6-8 literacy support within the framework of APS Readers for Leaders. Readers for Leaders is currently focusing on k-5. **Attendance:** Concerns regarding community supporting the importance of students attending school each day.

Principal Hollis documented following updates to strategic plan.

- a. “Remove goal with BASC-III” as this mental health screener is no longer administered. No other mental health screener is currently administered across all students.
- b. “ELA Goal increase (Blacks, DSE, EL) 3% one year”
- c. “Math Goal increase (Blacks, DSE, EL) 3% one year”
- d. “Add attendance subgroups (Blacks, DSE, EL)”
- e. “Update parent engagement dates”

**B. Discussion Item 2: Math Milestone Data Discussion presented by Principal Hollis**

Resources: [Presentation](#)

Recording: [Discussion starts at timer 10:05](#)

**i. Spring 2024 Milestone Results – Math**

**C. Discussion Item 3: Community Engagement** - this item was tabled by Ms Miller secondary to time constraints and Family Engagement team not being present at the meeting. Handouts regarding Family Engagement were provided, see attached. This discussion item will be added to our next meeting.

- i. Handouts: see attached documents in appendix
- ii. Recording: [Discussion starts at timer 1:11:45](#)

**VI. Information Items**

**A. Principal’s Report:** [see presentation for details](#)

- i. **Security Grant:** update on purchases, projects and quotes for various items including vape detectors, two way radios, additional badge readers, lighting, cameras and window coverings. AEDs will be updated.

Recording: [Discussion starts at timer 1:17:30](#)

- ii. **Enrollment:** increased to 1090

- iii. **Discipline:** trends were reviewed to date compared to last school year. Howard students have participated in town halls and advisory discussions regarding student code of conduct. Greatest number of incidents currently are occurring in 6th grade. It was suggested that this increase is secondary to the new middle school environment where actions have consequences that may be different than elementary environment.  
Recording: [Discussion starts at timer 1:21:11](#)  
Resource: [Student Handbook](#)
- iv. **CAT Representative Report:** Organizational meeting was completed in September. Next meeting November 14, 2024. CAT meetings will look different this year for more information visit [District CAT Website](#).
  - 1. Officers: Tamara Jones (Chair), Melissa Clark (Vice Chair) Lynlea Terras (secretary)
  - 2. CAT added a Cluster Engagement Committee: Deonne Malick El-Deiry, Principal Bringslid more committee members will be added from each cluster school. Topics for cluster engagement include Midtown Cluster Data Dig and Safety & Security.
  - 3. [APS October Board Meeting Highlights](#): (1) Budget Planning has started for FY26, (2) Discussions regarding facilities planning, right sizing the district, class size, overcrowding and consolidating schools have started. Future cluster specific engagement will happen. (3) Earned Autonomy has been mentioned several times by BOE and district.

VII. **Announcements:** none

VIII. **Public Comment (10 minutes, 2 minutes per speaker):** none

IX. **Approval of Adjournment:** Motion made by: Nolan Seconded by: Brooks

**Motion:** Passes Unanimously

**Adjournment:** 6:17pm

**Minutes Taken By:** Deonne Malick El-Deiry

**Position:** Secretary

**Date Approved:** 12/2/2024