

Budget Finalization Meeting Minutes

E. Rivers

Date: March 10, 2025

Time: 3:30pm

Location: E. Rivers

I. Call to order: 3:37pm

II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Dr. John Waller	P
Parent/Guardian	Paige Dees	P
Parent/Guardian	Erica Militello	P
Parent/Guardian	Khaki Janusz	P
Instructional Staff	Wendy Sanders	P
Instructional Staff	Dr. Whitney Niles	P
Instructional Staff	Nicole Cheroff	P
Community Member	Dr. Hersh Chopra	P
Community Member	Amanetta Somerville	A
Swing Seat	Megan Martinez	P
Student (High Schools)		
Student (High Schools)		

Guests Present: n/a

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

A. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: [Nicole Cheroff](#); Seconded by: [Paige Dees](#)

Members Approving: 7

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

B. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** List amendments to the minutes: n/a

Motion made by: [Nicole Cheroff](#); Seconded by: [Paige Dees](#)

Members Approving: 7

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion: Passes

C. Approval of the Final Budget Recommendation *(after final presentation/review):*

There haven't been any changes since our last meeting.

Motion made by: [Nicole Cheroff](#); Seconded by: [Paige Dees](#)

Members Approving: 9

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion **Passes**

IV. Discussion Items

A. Discussion Item 1: Final budget recommendation

- i. Key Proposals: Summary of position changes - Provide increased support for DLI, EIP (moving from 0.5 to 1.0); Add 3rd grade homeroom; 0.5 bookkeeper (shift from hourly), an hourly paraprofessional for DLI support (due to larger class sizes)

V. Information Items

A. Planning for 25-26

- i. Student scheduling has already begun for next year class structure, this year's schedule has been working very smoothly so will likely remain similar for next year - once this is complete Ms. Bowsher will upload into Infinite Campus and add students, this will all be done before mid-June while Dr. Waller is still here
- ii. Class placements first round rosters built in April
- iii. Teacher hiring will begin now with Dr. Waller and the current admin team, 3rd grade teacher job is already posted
- iv. Admin hiring will be deferred to new principal if any become available, this will include the part time bookkeeper
- v. District will be adopting a new literacy program and resource to pilot next year and to begin using the following year (current options are HMH or Benchmark Advanced, will need to narrow down to one before piloting, schools can determine on their own which one to pilot)

B. Facility Enhancement

- i. Potentially upgrading field playground equipment, one of the pieces of equipment provided by APS and other by PTA (little record), will need to update equipment using foundation dollars because APS has already provided equipment
- ii. Courtyard enhancement plans include enhanced landscaping, potentially further including benches and a smaller playground, this project will be independent of the field playgrounds but both have a goal of being completed this summer

- iii. New camera installation from an awarded grant, all have been installed but not yet all integrated into the computer system, this should be finalized in the next few weeks so there are no longer any blind spots in or around the building

C. IB Evaluation Report

- i. Two observers created a report on the qualitative aspects of a visit to E. Rivers, results were very positive with no additional requirements or matters to be addressed
- ii. Areas of growth expressed as recommended actions (ie. mid-term assessments, plan linking to IB practices, strength of IB policies)

D. February 24, 2025 CAT Meeting Report Out

- i. Dr. Johnson discussed budget deficit: central office positions are being eliminated, sustainability of smaller schools, facility utilization %'s, information shared at this meeting and with the board could be used for consolidation or redistricting

VI. Announcements - GO Team elections coming up, positions with terms expiring are one parent and one staff, as well as swing seat/community member (these are not largely voted on)

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Wendy Sanders](#); Seconded by: [Paige Dees](#)

Members Approving: 9

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion [\[Passes\]](#)

ADJOURNED AT 4:22pm

Minutes Taken By: Erica Militello

Position: Secretary

Date Approved: [\[Insert Date the Minutes are APPROVED by the GO Team\]](#)