

Barack and Michelle Obama Academy

Date: 04/14/2025

Time: 4:45 PM

Location: 970 Martin Street SE, (Zoom)
Atlanta, GA 30315 (Media Center)

- I. Call to order: 5:02 PM
- II. Roll Call

| Role | Name (or Vacant) | Present or Absent |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Principal | Dr. Robin Christian | Present |
| Parent/Guardian | Alicia DeCriscio | Present |
| Parent/Guardian | Breanna Mitchell | Present |
| Parent/Guardian | Carol Dell | Absent |
| Instructional Staff | Tanaka Appling | Present |
| Instructional Staff | Mia Lawrence | Present |
| Instructional Staff | Jasmine Linder | Present |
| Community Member | Loni Smith | Present |
| Community Member | Rick Laupis | Present |
| Swing Seat | Katie Beacham | Present |

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Katie Beacham; Seconded by: Rick Laupis
Members Approving: 8
Members Opposing: 0
Members Abstaining: 0
Motion Passes
- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motion made by: Jasmine Linder; Seconded by: Loni Smith
Members Approving: 9
Members Opposing: 0
Members Abstaining: 0
Motion Passes
- c. **Vote to keep the current school uniform**

Motion made by: Jassmine Linder; Seconded by: Mia Lawrence

Members Approving: 9

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion: **Passes**

IV.

c. Discussion Items:

a) Review and vote on final recommendation of Uniforms

- Effective immediately, at no time will students have their instructional time interrupted or be barred from school or class for declining to wear the optional school uniform.
- 78.6% of Parents support wearing school uniforms.
- 42.9% of Parents feel that school uniforms will affect Childs's self-expression.
- 61.5% of staff support wearing school uniforms
- 53.8% of staff feel that school uniforms will affect the child's self-expression

Cluster Advisory Updates-

- Jackson Cluster: • Principals focused on EOY testing • King Middle: July 16th, 2025, is the one-day summer bridge for incoming 6th grade students • Priority: GA Milestones • Priority: Focus on Tier I Instruction • Focusing on the Subgroups in the Jackson Cluster Facilities: • Facilities Master Plan: They are creating an FMP task force. • Discussion on the empty APS buildings Budget Updates: • Current year budget balanced using 74 million of fund balance ○ This allowed funding for major initiatives such as bringing School Nutrition in house ○ Readers are Leaders Initiative ○ Invested in a multi-year project to change the systems for HR and financials (all above rolled out in FY25) Budget Updates (cont.): • Froze Travel Lines • Abolishment of central office positions (to help balance the budget gap) • Target: 50-million-dollar reduction within central office • The gap access of 100-million to close the gap for upcoming FY26 • Holding back 3-million in reserves for signature programming • FY 27: Looking at School Allocations • FY 28 29 30: Looking at how to restore the fund balance) Strategic Plan Update: • Discussed what an APS graduate IS or HAS • What we must provide an APS graduate with: Equipped, Strategic thinkers, collaborative, model care for humanity, academically competitive, life skills, financial literacy and prepared for the real world.

V. Information Items:

d. Principal's Report-

- APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH
- PARTNER ENGAGEMENT- Looking to extend our partner engagement.
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS-
 - ANNUAL GMAS CARNIVAL – WEDS. APRIL 16 @ 6PM
 - GMAS TESTING WINDOW – APRIL 28TH – MAY 14TH
 - TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK - MAY 5-9
 - PRE K AWARDS DAY - MAY 20TH
 - KINDERGARTEN AWARDS DAY - MAY 22ND
 - 5TH GRADE AWARDS DAY & ROYAL BALL - MAY 27TH
 - 1ST-4TH GRADE AWARDS DAY - MAY 28TH
 - FIELD DAY/FUN RUN -LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - MAY 29TH

VI. Announcements:

- Please complete ALL GO Team Training (Budget Training)
- New Go Team Members Training and Orientation

VII. Public Comment: NO

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion made by: [Rick Laupis](#); Seconded by: [Breanna Mitchell](#)

Members Approving: 9

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 5:30 PM

Minutes Taken By: [Tanaka Appling](#)

Position: [Secretary](#)

Date Approved: