**Barack and Michelle Obama Academy**

**Date: 04/14/2025**

**Time: 4:45 PM**

**Location: 970 Martin Street SE, (Zoom)**

**Atlanta, GA 30315 (Media Center)**

1. **Call to order: 5:02 PM**
2. **Roll Call**

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| **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**

* 1. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Katie Beacham; Seconded by: Rick Laupis

Members Approving: 8

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

**Motion** Passes

* 1. **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.**

* 1. **Discussion Items**:

1. 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:**

* 1. **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

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**Minutes Taken By:** Tanaka Appling

**Position:** Secretary

**Date Approved:**