



South Atlanta Cluster Advisory Team

Meeting #1 Minutes

Cluster Advisory Meeting

Thursday, October 5, 2023; 5:30 pm

Attendance:

Ms. Sheletha Champion
Mrs. Carla McCall-McCou
Mr. Trennis Harvey
Ms. Melissa St. Joy
Ms. Reese
Ms. Jessica Pope
Dr. Patricia Ford
Mr. Jaron Trimble
Ms. Diane Jacobi
Dr. Enrique Ralls
Ms. Tiffany Ragin
Ms. Reese-Kelley
Mrs. Kenya Boston

Discussion items:

School Highlights and any cross cluster collaborations

- **Long Middle School presented by Principal McCou-** mural unveiling, Caring for Others partnership, planning Christmas surprise, STEM partnership with Links, Georgia Power, focus on careers, possible REACH scholar, focused on support, removing obstacles and incentives for parent engagement and acknowledging that scholars need exposure
- **South Atlanta High School presented by Principal Ford-** increased graduation rate, Step Up partnership for girls to mirror mentorship programs for the males
- **Cleveland Avenue Elementary presented by Dr. Ralls-** Literacy Learning Lab, fellowship opportunity
- **Hutchinson Elementary presented by Principal St. Joy-** 1st Annual parental immersion, parents attending/ observing school
- **Dobbs Elementary presented by Principal Ragin-** good parent engagement- Pancakes with the Principal, Donuts with Dads, and breakfast with Grandparents, Academic Tailgate, Town Hall meeting to celebrate attendance, behavior, and grades, Brag Tags for STEM learning profiles, Monthly Exploratory Hour- all faculty and staff present a skill/ activity/ hobby to expose students
- **Heritage Elementary presented by Principal Harvey-** received a garden grant to produce 6 gardens with cabbage, broccoli, parsley, collard greens, Traffic Garden for bike and walking safety; street stimulation, Grandparents Day and ATTP Celebration



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- **Humphries Elementary presented by Principal Trimble-** parent meeting in the community to remove obstacles- food and child care were presented, Parent Olympic Events- games, food and information on attendance

Topic: Collaborating with other clusters?

- Dr. Ford discussed a collaboration with Carver Early College regarding Learning Walks

Action items:

Charge- to develop 2-3 priority action steps

Literacy Activity was discussed to take place the week of December 4th- no Monday or Friday

Activity: high school and middle school students will visit and read to elementary school students

South Atlanta Juniors and seniors will visit 3 elementary schools and 8th graders will visit 2 elementary schools

Logistics will be handles by Instructional coaches, Reading Specialists, Media Specialists

To enhance effective planning, Cluster Planning sites and APS Connects are available

Parent Engagement- plan 2 or 3 events

- Ideas from prior events- Community Walk/ event in the community, Event to celebrate and address concerns- ask parents what they need to create a partnership
- Create a poll with open ended and direct questions- created by Parent Liaisons
- **Survey should be completed by the 2nd week in November, possibly November 10th; disaggregated by December 15th and principles will check-in in January**

Informational Items

- Family Engagement Conference is Saturday, November 18th from 9-2 pm; planned for 100 participants

Adjourned by 6:28 pm