

# Meeting Minutes

**BURGESS-PETERSON ACADEMY**  
**Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021**  
**Time: 6:00 PM**  
**Location: ZOOM**

**Meeting ID: 374-345-1598      Password: daw**

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- I. **Call to order 6:01 PM**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Establish Quorum – Quorum established**

Role	Name <i>(or Vacant)</i>	Present or Absent
Principal	David White	
Parent/Guardian	Tolton Pace	
Parent/Guardian	Wendy Angelety	
Parent/Guardian	Anna Beale Smith	
Instructional Staff	Morgan King Ray	
Instructional Staff	Deangela Huggins	
Instructional Staff	Carla Miller (TBA)	
Community Member	Ryan Downey (TBA)	
Community Member	Mike Bland	
Swing Seat	TBD	

**IV. Action Items**

**A. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by: Huggins      Seconded by: Anna Beale Smith**  
**Motion Passes**

**B. Fill Vacant Positions**

<b>Vacant Position:</b>	Staff
<b>Nominee's Name:</b>	Carla Miller
<b>GO Team Members In Favor</b>	6 votes

GO Team Members <b>Opposed</b>	0 opposed
GO Team Members <b>Abstaining</b>	0 abstained

**C. Fill Open Community Member Seat:**

<b>Vacant Position:</b>	<b>Community Member</b>
<b>Nominee's Name:</b>	Ryan Downey, ED, East Atlanta Kids Club
GO Team Members <b>In Favor</b>	7 votes
GO Team Members <b>Opposed</b>	0 opposed
GO Team Members <b>Abstaining</b>	0 abstained

**D. Fill Open Swing Seat**

<b>Vacant Position:</b>	<b>Swing Seat</b>
<b>Nominee's Name:</b>	Chameka Batiste, Owner/Director, iKids
<b>Nominated by:</b>	David White
GO Team Members <b>In Favor</b>	8 votes
GO Team Members <b>Opposed</b>	0 opposed
GO Team Members <b>Abstaining</b>	0 abstained

**SWING SEAT RESULT: Chameka Batiste**

**E. Approval of Previous Minutes:**

T. Pace noted change in wording on page 1: change "upper conscious" to "very conscious."

**Motion made by Chameka Batiste**

**Seconded by: Tolton Pace**

**Motion Passed**

**F. Election of Officers****1. Chair: Result - Morgan King Ray**

<b>Vacant Position:</b>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>Nominee's Name:</b>	Morgan King Ray
GO Team Members <b>In Favor</b>	All in favor
GO Team Members <b>Opposed</b>	None opposed
GO Team Members <b>Abstaining</b>	None abstained

**2. Vice Chair: Result - Wendy Angelety**

<b>Vacant Position:</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>
<b>Nominee's Name:</b>	Wendy Angelety
GO Team Members <b>In Favor</b>	All in favor
GO Team Members <b>Opposed</b>	None opposed
GO Team Members <b>Abstaining</b>	None abstained

**3. Secretary: Result - DeAngela Huggins**

<b>Vacant Position:</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Nominee's Name:</b>	DeAngela Huggins
GO Team Members <b>In Favor</b>	All in favor
GO Team Members <b>Opposed</b>	None opposed
GO Team Members <b>Abstaining</b>	None abstained

**4. Cluster Representative: Result - Tolton Pace**

<b>Vacant Position:</b>	<b>Cluster Representative</b>
<b>Nominee's Name:</b>	Tolton Pace
GO Team Members <b>In Favor</b>	All in favor
GO Team Members <b>Opposed</b>	None opposed
GO Team Members <b>Abstaining</b>	None abstained

**G. Approval of Public Comment Format:**

The team agreed on the following public comment format -

“As the Burgess-Peterson Academy GO Team welcomes input from students, staff, parents and members of the community, each meeting will include an opportunity for public comment. To have an opportunity to offer public comment, two options are given:

1. Join the Go Team meeting on Zoom between 6:10 - 6:30 PM to make a public comment to the Go Team. Community members will be given up to 2 minutes to speak.
  2. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can also email your public comment, and it will be read to the Go Team during the meeting.”
- When considering the public comment format, considerations were made to change the format due to ease of use and friendliness to the community. Team was in support of allowing the public to join for public comment during a 20 minute period and to avoid the barrier of having to sign up in advance.
  - T. Pace and A. Beale-Smith discussed support of announcing Go Team meetings via Remind and the BPA Parents Facebook Group with the Go Team meeting Zoom link. D. White agreed BPA would add these communication methods to the announcing of Go Team Meetings and opportunity to provide public comment.

**Motion made by A. Beale-Smith      Seconded by: Mike Bland**

**Motion Passed**

## H. Set Go Team Meeting Calendar

D. White proposed the following meeting dates:

	Date	Time	Location	Public Comment Permitted? (Yes/No)
1	August 26	6:00 PM	Zoom	Yes
2	October 21	6:00 PM	Zoom: Data Review	Yes
3	November 18	6:00 PM	Zoom: Strategic Priorities	Yes
4	January 27	6:00 PM	Zoom: *Budget Priorities	Yes
5	February 24	6:00 PM	Zoom: *Budget Development	Yes
6	*March 10	6:00 PM	Zoom: *Budget Final Approval	Yes
7	April 28	6:00 PM	Zoom	Yes
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Discussed W. Angelety supporting if M. King Ray is unable to attend meetings.

### Motion to approve dates, time, and public comment dates.

Motion by T. Pace and Second by D. Huggins

### Motion Passes

## I. Adopt Go Team Norms: Motion Passes

Motion made by: W. Angelety Seconded by: M. Bland

## V. Discussion Items

### A. Discussion Item 1: General Updates from the Opening SY 21/22

- Principal White is pleased with the support given within the community to our students, families, staff as the building has opened for the school year. He is also very proud of our staff and students as we have started the school year.
- Enrollment numbers: 484 students in the building, originally budgeted for 512 students last spring. Principal White expects that we will land around 500 students. This is the first time BPA has not met or exceeded the projected student enrollment. BPA is not expected to have any changes or negative impact with leveling.
- No school on Sept. 6th for Labor Day and no school on Oct. 7, 8, 11 for Fall Break.

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- Adjustments were made to the schedule with the earlier opening time and later dismissal time. Morning and afternoon dismissals are running smoothly. Car loading is down to 22 minutes in the afternoon.
- Health Check App - Principal White described the importance of parents completing the health check for their BPA students every day. Mr. White receives an email when a “yes” is selected. Nurse Maybank follows up with each family to confirm responses.

### VI. Information Items

**A. Principal’s Report:** Given above with the Discussion Item #1.

**B. COVID-19 BPA Updates:**

- Covid Screening - This past Monday, 372 students were screened, out of 484 students. D. White is highly encouraged by the participation, and would like to continue to increase the number. Currently, about 80% of staff is tested each week. Beginning the week of Sept. 6, all employees of APS will be required to participate in the COVID screening 2 times a week. Screening once a week will continue for all consenting students.
- Vaccinations are not currently mandated for employees. APS will possibly incentivize employees to be fully vaccinated (comp time, financial means, etc.)
- D. White clarified isolation vs. quarantine: if someone has COVID-19 with a positive test, they must isolate for 10 days. Those exposed with a positive close contact will quarantine for at least 7 days with a negative PCR test taken after the 5th day of contact.
- W. Angelety inquired about learning and students keeping up with class due to quarantine or isolation - D. White explained if a student is sent home from school, teachers are asked to create work for students electronically or in paper format. There is no expectation for simultaneous instruction. There is the opportunity for students to receive assistance from our virtual tutor, Ms. Gardner, who has office hours in the morning and afternoon to support students. If a whole class is sent home, all students will learn virtually with their teacher on Zoom.
- A. Beale-Smith asked “what’s the difference between a whole class being sent home and only a few students being sent home?” D. White explained it depends on the number of close contacts within the classroom. In the example for our 5th graders, over half of the class was triggered to go home with teacher exposure as well, so a whole class decision was made.
- D. White explained “secondary exposure” - He gave the example of if a student has a sibling in daycare who was exposed to a known positive case, older sibling will not have to quarantine unless their sibling becomes symptomatic after exposure.
- D. White and BPA admin is keeping a detailed record of confirmed cases, known exposures, close contacts, etc.

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- COVID induced goals - keep things simple as possible for the BPA team. There will not be a curriculum night this year, virtual or in-person. Other events may be cancelled in the future as well.
- W. Angeley - question about school schedule: Will the schedule changes of additional 30 minutes continue? D. White- it is a 3 year plan, tied to CARES ACT funding, which is a 3 year grant.
- R. Downey resonates with struggles of contact tracing, discussed the importance of communication with schools to after school programs. He wonders the impact of COVID and how to best remedy/support our students while noting the impact quality afterschool programs have on our students. He noted that adverse impacts
- T. Pace brought up at the Cluster Advisory Team and district. There is a concerted effort from APS to collaborate with after school programming and other partners. It is an area of growth for the district to enhance the wrap around supports for our students. There are collective conversations around partners and supports. Also, he mentioned that he was looking for more opportunities to get to know teachers with the current minimal face time due to COVID. Suggested virtual game night and other activities.

**VII. Announcements** - none made.

**VIII. Adjournment:**

Motion made by: T. Pace      Seconded by: M. Bland

**Motion Passed**

**ADJOURNED AT 7:40**

**Minutes Taken By:** Morgan King Ray