

**JAMES B. DUDLEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Minutes of the Site-Based Leadership/Title I Team Meeting**  
**Virtual Meeting via ZOOM**  
**Wednesday, September 23, 2020**  
**EMERGENCY CALLED RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS MEETING**  
**6:00 PM**

<i>Membership/Attendance Roster</i>	<i>Representation</i>
1. Botwe-Rankin, Adjoa	PTSA/Parent
2. Donahue-Wright, Cheryl	Community in Schools Site Coordinator/Recording Secretary
3. Fulp, Bonnie	Media Specialist
4. Giersbrook, Justin	Social Studies Department Representative
5. Hargett, Bonita	SBLT Chairperson
6. Hines, Michelle	SBLT Vice-Chairperson/Counseling Department
7. Hussey, Joey	Assistant Principal – Grade 11
8. Jackson, Roger	Cultural Arts/Fine Arts Representative
9. James, Brenda	Dudley Alumni Association
10. Jarmon, Delaney	Student – Grade 11
11. Jarmon, David	Parent/PTSA
12. Jarmon, Vanessa	Parent/PTSA
13. Malloy, Nakita	CTE Department Representative
14. Maxwell, Kyla	Student – Grade 12
15. Maxwell, Thyais	Parent/Principal of Bennett Middle College
16. Oates, Jessica	English Department Chairperson
17. Reeder, Ann	School Social Worker/Dropout Prevention/Homeless Liaison & Co-Recording Secretary
18. Sellars, Fredrick	Assistant Principal – Grade 12
19. Smalls, Eunika	PTSA President
20. Timmons McLaughlin, Lise	School Principal
21. Washington, Dewayne	Assistant Principal – Grade 9
22. Williams, Dr. Fabby	GCS School Support Officer – Learning Area 10

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Bonita Hargett, Chairperson.

### INTRODUCTIONS

Mrs. Lise Timmons McLaughlin, Principal introduced herself and welcomed Dr. Fabby Williams, Guilford County Schools - School Support Officer for Learning Area 10, as well as all the participants to the meeting.

### Meeting Highlights

- **Meeting Purpose** - the purpose of the meeting today is to obtain input on the Re-opening of Schools in the Guilford County Schools District.
- **Survey** - there were 300 responses to our survey regarding the re-opening of schools.
- **Questions** asked by **Mrs. Lise Timmons McLaughlin**: How do we feel about re-opening schools? What does the future look like for our schools? How is remote learning/virtual learning working? How do we feel about moving forward with the re-opening of Dudley High School? What can we do to be safe?
- **Input** - we need everyone's input. We need input from our students, parents, teachers, school staff, and our community stakeholders.
- **Dr. Fabby Williams** – On behalf of Dr. Sharon Contreras, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Williams thanked Mrs. Timmons McLaughlin and everyone for their participation as the District values the input of students, parents, teachers, school staff, and community stakeholders. Dr. Williams stated that we must put students first in all our decisions regarding the opening of schools. Dr. Williams also stated that we must do what is best for our students when making these hard decisions.
- **Kyla Maxwell** – Grade 12 Student - provided student insight on Remote/Virtual Learning. As per Kayla Maxwell, she enjoys virtual school as virtual learning has improved. Teachers are understanding of student concerns. Teachers and students keep everyone engaged. Teachers are doing a great job. Kyla also expressed that she is not comfortable in returning to face to face instruction as flu season approaches. The flu season places students and staff at risk for additional illness.

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- **N. Malloy** – School Staff Representative - spoke on behalf of the school staff at Dudley High School. Ms. Malloy expressed that there are many staff concerns. While the staff agrees that instruction is more effective face to face, there are many safety concerns. **Staff Concerns:** student social distancing, students keeping face masks on throughout the entire day, isolation area, proper medical attention for students, and students entering the building from the bus parking lot and other entrance areas without face masks. There are also staff members with pre-existing conditions.
- **Mrs. Lise Timmons McLaughlin and Dr. Fabby Williams** acknowledged the concerns of the students and staff.
- **The North Carolina High School Athletic Association** has moved forward with Volleyball and Cross-Country starting practice on Monday. There is a staggered schedule as The Marching Band will begin practice on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Basketball and Cheerleading practice will begin on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The first basketball game is scheduled to be played on December 7, 2020. Baseball and Track practice will begin on September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **January 20, 2021 – Grades 9-12** is scheduled for full face to face instruction with 50% of students reporting to school on Monday and Tuesday. The other 50% will be reporting to school on Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays are reserved for deep cleaning of the building. The building will also be deep cleaned every Friday/Saturday. The Dudley High School Internet Café is meeting in the lower level computer labs from 9am – 12pm every Saturday.
- **October 20, 2020** – Our vulnerable populations are scheduled to return to school. Vulnerable populations are students with disabilities, students in transition, and students who are off cohort. Safety is a concern. There will be 10 students in a classroom. Scheduling is difficult when all students are not on the same schedule.
- **Buses - 23 students** can ride the bus at one time. Dr. Williams stated that the GCS District had a shortage of bus drivers prior to Covid-19. To ensure the safety of all students the GCS District will need to hire additional bus drivers. The District is still working out the logistics as the District wants students back in school safely.
- **Enrollment - there are 1556 students** enrolled as of today at Dudley High School. We have a waiting list of students still needing laptops as we wait for the District's laptop order to come in.

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- **Brenda James** – spoke on behalf of the Dudley Alumni Association/Dudley High School Community Stakeholders. Ms. James expressed that we are having the re-opening meetings without concrete answers to many questions. How will the re-opening of schools on October 20<sup>th</sup> and in January 2021 benefit all students? Ms. James expressed the alumni community concerns with the beginning of sports. Ms. James shared concerns regarding the health precautions of staff and students, and social distancing in sports. Are there other incentives that students can take advantage of besides sports? Are we as adults as well as students understanding what may be the long-term effects of re-opening schools at this time?
- **Dr. Williams** stated that the decision to re-open sports is inclusive of all voices including parents, students, and staff. The athletics decision has been approved by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. The decision to re-open schools has also been approved on the state, local, and federal levels. In ensuring the safety of all students we also want to keep students engaged and to do what is best for all students in the District as we move forward.

**The Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.**

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Ann B. Reeder, Co-Recording Secretary**