

Fickett Elementary School

Date: September 4, 2025

Time: 4:30 pm

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/live/zGwpq3RhKnc?si=4zrNLUjWgrizd8iV>

- I. Call to order: 4:33 pm
- II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Ms. Benita Grant	Present
Parent/Guardian	Open	
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Instructional Staff	Ms. Rainwater	Present
Instructional Staff	Ms. White	Present
Instructional Staff	Ms. SmithJohnson	Present
Community Member	Open	
Community Member	Open	
Swing Seat	Open	
Student (High Schools)		
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Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

- A. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: SmithJohnson; Seconded by: Palmer
 Members Approving: All
 Members Opposing: None
 Members Abstaining: None
Motion Passes

B. Fill Vacant Positions

Vacant Position:	Swing Seat (Parent)
Nominee's Name:	Angela Palmer
GO Team Members In favor	All
GO Team Members Opposed	None
GO Team Members Abstaining	None

Vacant Position:	<i>Parent</i>
Nominee's Name:	Ashley Helm
GO Team Members In favor	All
GO Team Members Opposed	None
GO Team Members Abstaining	None

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

Open Position:	Community Member
Nominee's Name:	Terri Hampton (21 st Century Coordinator)
GO Team Members In favor	All
GO Team Members Opposed	None
GO Team Members Abstaining	None

D. **Fill Open Swing Seat**

Nominee's Name:	Nominated by	GO Team Members In favor
Khari Crooms	Ms. Grant	All

GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting: None

SWING SEAT RESULT: Approved

E. *For High Schools:* **Appoint Student Representatives**

Student Representative 1: [\[Insert Name of Student Representative\]](#)

Student Representative 2: [\[Insert Name of Student Representative\]](#)

F. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *None*

Motion made by: Palmer; Seconded by: SmithJohnson

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

G. Election of Officers and Representatives

i. Chair: Result: Approved

Officer Position:	Chair Crystal Jordan
Nominee Name	GO Team Members In favor of Nominee: All

GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting: None

ii. Vice Chair: Result: Approved

Officer Position:	Vice Chair Denise White
Nominee Name	GO Team Members In favor of Nominee: All

GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting: None

iii. Secretary: Result: Approved

Officer Position:	Secretary Tamika Rainwater
Nominee Name	GO Team Members In favor of Nominee: All

GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting: None

iv. Cluster Representative: Result: Approved

Officer Position:	Cluster-Representative Khari Crooms
Nominee Name	GO Team Members In favor of Nominee: All

GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting: None

H. Review and Approve Public Comment Protocol

- **Public Comment Is Not Mandatory at Every Meeting:** GO Teams are not required to include a Public Comment period at every meeting, but should be scheduled for meetings involving major action items needing community input.
- **Plan and Structure Public Comment Thoughtfully:** When included, Public Comment should be scheduled at a specific time (e.g., a 20-minute segment with 2 minutes per speaker) and aligned with the school community's availability to encourage participation.
- **Establish a Clear and Transparent Process:** Provide clear instructions for how individuals can sign up to speak. During the Public Comment period, GO Team members should listen without responding, using the input to inform decisions.
- **Encourage Ongoing Community Engagement:** Remind stakeholders that Public Comment during meetings is just one way to share input. Emails to GO Team members and special sessions can also serve as valuable channels for community feedback.

Motion to adopt made by: Smith Johnson; Seconded by: White

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

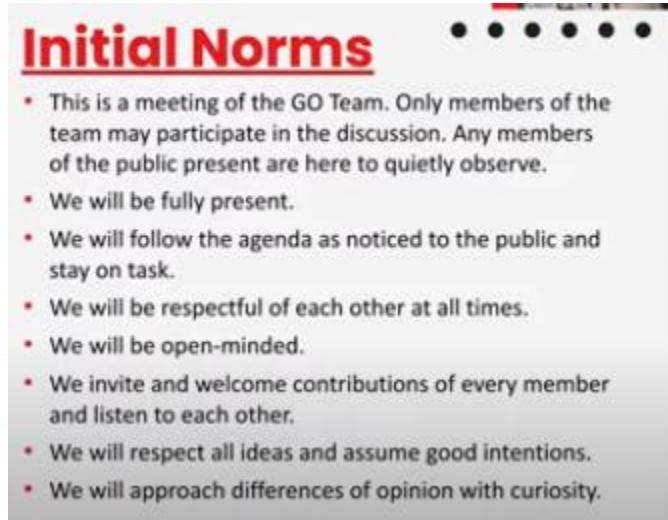
Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

- I. **Set GO Team Meeting Calendar** (*GO Teams are required to have a minimum of 6 business meetings, with at least 4 allowing for Public Comment*)

	Date	Time	Virtual or Hybrid	Time for Public Comment? (Yes/No)
1	October 21, 2025	04:00	Virtual	Yes
2	November 18, 2025	04:00	Virtual	Yes
3	January 20, 2026	04:00	Virtual	No
4	February 10, 2026	04:00	Virtual	No
5	March 3, 2026	04:00	Virtual	Yes
6	April 21, 2026	04:00	Virtual	Yes
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- J. **Review, Confirm/Update, and Adopt GO Team Meeting Norms**



Motion to adopt made by: White; Seconded by: Jordan
 Members Approving: All
 Members Opposing: None
 Members Abstaining: None
Motion Passes

IV. Discussion Items:

A. Stakeholder Engagement Exercise

We are a charter system, not a charter school. We have some flexibility in certain aspects of our work and how we spend our funds.

	FAMILIES	STUDENTS	STAFF	COMMUNITY
INFORM What’s a fun, unexpected way to keep them in the loop?				
INPUT What’s a meaningful way to gather their ideas or feedback?				
INVITE How can we bring them into the work, not just the audience?				

- B. **Discussion Item 2:** [Add description of discussion item and brief summary of the discussion]

V. Information Items:

- A. **Principal’s Update:** We have gotten off to a really great start this year. Some awesome things are happening. The children are energized. We have some new initiative in place.
- B. **Fall Festival** is coming up.
- C. **Room moms** to engage parents.
- D. **No Phones** in the school this year. **No cell phone policy.** The district has a cell phone policy. No problems this year at the school level; however, it is a new law—HB340.
- E. **APS Forward 2040 –Comprehensive Long-Range Facilities Plan Update**
The district's school consolidation plans are ongoing. The district proposes closing some schools, with students being absorbed in other locations.
The importance of parent voices was stressed with encouragement to participate in district parent and community meetings.

VI. Announcements:

Attendance at the upcoming G Summit on September 27 was emphasized as an important event to enhance collaboration and shared vision.

Go Team Training, Weekly Farmer’s Market

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: White; Seconded by: Jordan

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT: 6:15 PM

Minutes Taken By: Janice SmithJohnson

Position: Instructional Staff Member, Interim Secretary

Date Approved: [Insert Date When Approved]