GO TEAMS
STRONG SCHOOLS START WITH ME!

Meeting Minutes

GIDEONS ELEMENTARY
Date: 11/19/25
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: Google Meet: meet.google.com/eza-gjnp-rkx

I. **Call to order:** 5:06 PM

II. Roll Call

Role	Name *(or Vacant)*	Present or Absent
Principal	**Robert Owens**	**Present**
Parent/Guardian	**Michelle Potter**	**Present**
Parent/Guardian	**Amanda Mickelsen**	**Present**
Parent/Guardian	**Ivy Floyd**	**Present**
Instructional Staff	**Cherish McClure**	**Present**
Instructional Staff	**Detra Harris**	**Present**
Instructional Staff	**Ruth Lambert**	**Present**
Community Member	**Joseph Anderson**	**Present (Tardy)**
Community Member	**Ashley Hicks**	**Present**
Swing Seat	**Vacant**	
Student *(High Schools)*		
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VII. Public Comment VIII. Adjournment

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

A. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Detra Harris; Seconded by: Michelle Potter
Members Approving: Michelle Potter, Amanda Mickelsen, Ivy Floyd, Detra Harris, Ashley Hicks, Cherish McClure, Ruth Lambert
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion Passes

B. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motion made by: Michelle Potter; Seconded by: Ruth Lambert

Members Approving: Michelle Potter, Amanda Mickelsen, Ivy Floyd, Detra Harris, Ashley Hicks, Cherish McClure, Ruth Lambert
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion Passes

C. Fill Vacant Seat: Swing Seat IV

i. Principal Owens confirmed with Ms. Barnett if he can nominate someone that is on the GO Team now. Ms. Barnett confirmed it needs to be someone who does not already have a seat. Principal Owens will bring nomination to next meeting.
Motion made by: N/A Seconded by: N/A
Members Approving:
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion Passes

IV. Discussion Items

A. 2025-2030 School Strategic Plan Development

i. Confirm Mission/Vision, Goals from Previous Meeting
   1. Reviewed data for goals
   2. Reviewed data for stretch goals

ii. Develop 2025-2030 Strategic Plan Objective
   1. APS Working on next Strategic Vision, Kindezi has begun as well
   2. Will be aligned to the new NTP - New Teacher Project, will identify key focus areas

B. i-Ready Data

i. Data showed performance improvements in math from beginning of year to now in almost every grade

V. Information Items

A. Principal's Report

i. Wizard of Oz was wonderful production lead by the dance teacher Mr. Bonney
   1. Cast and crew did an amazing job
   2. Exposes them to onstage and offstage to potential career choices

ii. Joseph Anderson put on The Table event

1. Had a bounce house, sack race, food
2. Created space to get people to get to know each other - fellowship & food

iii. Learning Walk site visit with APS
1. Happened recently, went very well

iv. Hosted Gratitude Luncheon
1. Incorporated the SEL Book of the Month, teachers did a great job engaging parents in what SEL is all about
2. Maybe need to allow more time for each grade
3. Teachers are the reason everything happens - they are the boots on the ground!
4. Geniuses were well behaved
5. Reminder for gratitude for family inside and outside the school

v. New ANET Testing - will use data to drive more instruction

vi. Write Score and MAP will be testing when we come back after the holidays

vii. Tryouts
1. Ms. McClure helps dance team
2. Winter dance try-outs, cheer tryouts, 8U and 10U basketball tryouts

viii. Revelation Act I dance performance
1. Coming up December 18th at the Kroc Center in their auditorium, kids and staff

ix. Thanksgiving break coming up
1. Friday is the last day then 3 weeks until Christmas break

x. i-Ready reports
1. Be on the lookout - coming soon

xi. Kindezi is a community school housed with a charter
1. Attendance is an issue at Gideons and nationwide
2. We have incentives to address-trophy is popular

B. Cluster Advisory Team Report (CAT) - discussed:

i. GO Team responsibility

ii. Enrollment and birth rates decreasing
1. Birthrate down by 13% in Atlanta
2. APS down 7,000 students due to competition of private schools, charters, and vouchers

iii. 3rd grade leading the way in attendance

VI. Announcements

A. None

VII. Public Comment

A. Parent Michelle Potter enjoyed meeting with APS Charter Office

i. People in attendance gave great examples, discussed what a great asset Principal Owens is to the school, discussed transformation in library, talk of wishing Gideons would go through 8th grade (!)

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by: Amanda Mickelsen; Seconded by: Ivy Floyd

Members Approving: Michelle Potter, Amanda Mickelsen, Ivy Floyd, Detra Harris, Ashley Hicks, Cherish McClure, Ruth Lambert, Joseph Anderson

Members Abstaining:

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 5:47 PM

Minutes Taken By: Amanda Mickelsen
Position: Secretary
Date Approved: 1/14/26