

Date	Time	Location
November 28, 2023	5:00 pm-6:00 pm	Microsoft Teams Meeting
Organizer	Facilitators	Meeting Type
Cluster Advisory Team Strategy & School Governance	Jacob Bland Sheletha Y. Champion	Organizational Planning
Meeting Objective & Scope		
- Confirm CAT meeting schedule and 2023-2024 priorities. - Identify cross-cluster collaboration interest(s). - Develop actions to accomplish priorities.		

I. Roll Call

SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	PRESENT (P) or ABSENT (A)	CLUSTER REPRESENTATIVE	PRESENT (P) or ABSENT (A)
Bolton Academy	Shavaun Mincey	P	Nathalie Malkoff	P
E. Rivers	Dr. John Waller, Secretary	P	Devon Rusert	P
Garden Hills	Stacey Perot	P	Kelsey Bunker	P
Morris Brandon	Jacob Bland, Chair	P	Ena Brooks	P
North Atlanta	Curtiss Douglass	P	Lizzy Wickland, Vice Chair	P
Sarah Smith	Dwight Hutson	P	Cimona Dirickson	P
Sutton	Dr. Dominique Merriweather	P	Tania Wismer, Vice-Chair	P
W. T. Jackson	Brent McBride	A	Paul Dobesh	P

Guests Present: Dr. Retha Woolfolk, Assoc. Superintendent; Melanie Johnson, Program Director

II. Discussion Items

a. Cluster | School Highlights:

- Bolton – Foundation meeting;
- Rivers – Veterans Day; Holiday Tree Sale; PLC, SEL, and small group work
- GH – Peach Bowl Award Teacher; holiday programs; IB re-authorization & self study
- Brandon – cluster collaboration; pumpkin book competition; Election Day instruction
- North Atlanta – fall sports; DLI parent meeting; higher grad rates;
- Smith – parent engagement; IB self-study; equity work; parent events
- Sutton – fall musical; partnership with N. Atlanta; teacher leadership
- Jackson – book fair; holiday class parties;

j. Cluster Planning:

i. Priority 1 - Engage families and engage across the cluster

- Completed Events: Events at football games – Fan of the Week; banners for homecoming week from NAPPs; asynchronous learning activities; pumpkin book decorations at all elementary schools; prospective parent parties; fifth graders to visit Sutton in January.
- Possible ideas? – fall festival for all families at North Atlanta; cluster event at Relay for Life on Friday night in spring; collaboration at Girls

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on the Run 5K; high school student outreach to their cluster elementary school; NA teams run elementary carpool; align service hours from N. Atlanta to volunteer training at elementary schools – like Operation Feed; cluster night at basketball game;

- ii. Recruit, retain, and engage leaders and staff
 - 1. Completed tasks – creating pipeline of leaders, using in-house experts and leadership development and coaching and feedback; training across the cluster for DLI teachers about co-teaching;
 - 2. Possible ideas? – continuing lead campus based mentors; district sponsorship of work visas for possible DLI teachers, current cost is \$7,000; funding of special services for DLI; importance of using local teachers for developing local-school PD; partnerships with GSU and local universities – career day for N. Atlanta schools to talk to pre-service teachers.
- iii. Minimize the achievement gap between subgroups by prioritizing the whole child and valuing multi-lingual programs and student support services
 - 1. Completed tasks – comprehensive school improvement plans at each school, all that address gaps and the whole child; review the current math resource at middle grades; focus on new ELA adoption and standards; culturally relevant curriculum;
 - 2. Possible ideas? – explore more opportunities for students to receive interventions during the school day; needed guidance from the district about whether intervention block continues in 24-25 year; leverage partnerships and collaboration among outside agencies that provide wrap-around support; meaningful PD for principals; guidance from the district family engagement office, “One Carver” as an example.

III. District Announcements

[District Calendar Highlights](#)

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- a. [Student Calendars](#) (Closes 12.05.23)
- b. [Superintendent Search](#)
- c. [Annual Family Engagement](#) (Closes 12.05.23)
- d. [Amp Up APS! 4th-12th Students](#) (Closes 11.30.23)

IV. Adjournment

Minutes Taken By: [John Waller, Principal at Rivers](#)

Position: [Principal at Rivers](#); [Secretary of Cluster Advisory Team](#);