

Date	Time	Location
February 27, 2024	5:00 pm-6:00 pm	Microsoft Teams Meeting
Organizer	Facilitators	Meeting Type
Cluster Advisory Team Strategy & School Governance	Jacob Bland Sheletha Y. Champion	Status Informational
Meeting Objective & Scope		
- School Highlights + Needs - Signature Program Updates - Cluster Plan/Priorities Updates - District Updates		

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	
North Atlanta	Curtiss Douglass	P	Lizzy Wickland, Vice Chair	P
Sarah Smith	Dwight Hutson	A	Cimona Dirickson	P
Sutton	Dr. Dominique Merriweather	P	Tania Wismer, Vice-Chair	P
W. T. Jackson	Brent McBride	A	Paul Dobesh	P

Guests Present: Sedric Smith, Emily Holland, Keisha Copeland, Crystal Serracin

II. Discussion Items

a. Power Up Summer 2024

- like last year, all students can contribute, but district is inviting certain students based on MAP scores (i.e., beginning level). Registration open until April 12.
- District needs help in communicating the programs.
- Garden Hills location will host GH, SS, and Rivers; Bolton will host Jackson, MB, and Bolton.
- One site administrator at each site; two assistant site administrators; if AP doesn't want to do it after, there are plans for backfield using other district personnel.

b. Family Engagement

- Reviewed past successes in Carver Cluster. Purpose there was to remove barriers, foster strong transition, highlight signature program.
- Process used in Carver plan:

Process

Year 1

- Collaboration with APS and Partner Schools about the idea and plan of a Clusterwide event (i.e. **One Carver**)
- School and district leaders were the core team
- From the core team sub teams were launched
- Sub committee: **Family and Community Outreach**
- Status updates to core team from sub committee meeting (weekly cadence)
- Incorporated a cluster academic event (Family STEAM Night) one month before the Clusterwide block party

Committee in Carver: Parent liaisons, neighborhood groups, alumni associations.

Year 2 success:

Family and Community Outreach Committee

Year 2

- Sub committee- parent liaisons
- Discussed lessons learned from last year and ways to improve attendance
- More engagement families
- Identified centralized location; easily accessible by all families
- Weekly meetings
- Liaise was PBSA rep to share updates with Core leadership team
- Including students in day of events

Associate superintendent organized; principals and parent liaisons took lead and other various stakeholders took the lead with subcommittees. Parent liaisons were key to success.

Important to start early and to engage the associate superintendent.

Questions: What is the goal? Should we combine with Relay for Life?

Capitalize on existing events already? Maybe connect with IB Action? Work with Sutton and North Atlanta more at the elementary-school level?

c. Cluster Plan

i. Family Engagement

1. Recent Family Engagement Surveys are now published.
2. Can use this data to look for trends.

ii. Retention and recruitment of staff

1. Lead Campus-Based Mentors are helpful. They acclimate new staff to APS procedures.
2. Contact with GA State, who is interested in partnerships. Could schedule a meeting with them-regarding DLI teachers. The new agreement with GSU / APS for APS to pay for Masters has garnered much interest from school staff.
3. District now funds work visas for DLI staff, can be up to \$7000.
4. District transfer window opens March 1.
5. Cluster-wide IB/PYP training has been a huge success. Is much cheaper for schools but also leads to cluster collaboration and sharing.

iii. Minimize Achievement Gap of subgroups

III. District Announcements

IV. Adjournment

Minutes Taken By: John Waller, Principal at Rivers



North Atlanta Cluster Advisory Team

Meeting #2 Minutes

Position: Principal at Rivers; Secretary of Cluster Advisory Team;

