

Date	Time	Location
April 11, 2024	5:00 pm-5:30 pm	Microsoft Teams Meeting
Organizer	Facilitators	Meeting Type
Cluster Advisory Team Strategy & School Governance	Jacob Bland Carolyn Barnett	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	A	Nathalie Malkoff	P
E. Rivers	Dr. John Waller, Secretary	P	Devon Ruser	P
Garden Hills	Stacey Perot	P	Kelsey Bunker	A
Morris Brandon	Jacob Bland, Chair	P	Ena Brooks	P
North Atlanta	Curtiss Douglass		Lizzy Wickland, Vice Chair	P
Sarah Smith	Dwight Hutson	P	Cimona Dirickson	
Sutton	Dr. Dominique Merriweather	P	Tania Wismer, Vice-Chair	P
W. T. Jackson	Brent McBride	P	Paul Dobesh	P

Guests Present: Sloan B., Wykeisha H., Sana I., Margul Woolfolk, Ajamu Baker; Cimona Hinton, Lindsay Davis, Diane Jacobi;

II. Discussion Items

a. Power Up Summer 2024

b. Cluster Plan

i. Family Engagement

- Past meetings, we discussed holding a cluster event like Carver, but decided our needs are different.
- Stellar Senior Event at NAHS – Tuesday April 16
- IB for All Cluster Info Night – Thursday, April 10 (20 parents in attendance); offered child care; meeting was recorded for distribution.
- NA seniors visiting their former elementary schools in May. 1) Reunion parties during weekend generally include private school grads as well and 2) during grad. practice
- NA soccer playoffs.

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6. Need still to publicize and to publicize across the cluster. To get the list of kids who are graduating from each school. Would be beneficial to push out to the elementary communities; maybe have lists of NA graduates' elementary schools listed in program;
- ii. Retention and recruitment of staff
 1. Campus Based Mentors
 2. District funding for visas for DLI teachers.
 - a. Need some clarity from HR about the process to streamline; can be involved with lawyers and payment
 3. Career day for teachers at NA cluster
 4. In the heart of hiring season now; principals are recommending hiring now.
 5. During pre-planning will hold a cluster-wide speaker, with all schools in cluster attending at North Atlanta.
 6. Dyslexia Training through MRESA for 24-25 school year. Each school will send 2-3 teachers to endorsement series; elementary schools will each share the cost. Will meet obligations of new state laws for reading.
- iii. Minimize Achievement Gap of subgroups
 1. School improvement plans for 24-25 are currently being written
 2. New ELA and math resources are here and coming; they provide culturally responsive materials and approaches.
 3. District engagement surveys are back for parents.
 4. Spring MAP scores are back and have been shared with parents.
 5. Staff are currently completing modules in science of reading. First module is complete and second module is due by end of the school year.
 6. Grade K-1 DLI teachers are meeting for training in Oral Reading on April 12.
 7. DLI moves to NAHA next year, first DLI cohort. Biology and Spanish course are program.

III. District Announcements

- a. Capacity reports were presented to BOE at Feb. meeting. BOE is considering adding additional budget allocations for school that are above 95% capacity. NA does not qualify, but barely. Wickland is working with district to identify how 95% was determined to be the criterion and why rounding up disqualifies NA. Also, at what point, does NA qualify for a second IB Coordinator? The school has the largest enrollment in the district.
- b. Link to district calendar:
<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/2#calendar113402/20240411/month>
- c. New Student Family Support Center opens in the fall. Plan is to consolidate family-facing supports in one place. Will be housed at the former Oglethorpe Elementary School site.
- d. Voting for GO Teams is the week of April 16-25. Each family receives a vote. Candidate information can be found at <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/63689>.
- e. School calendar for subsequent years will be approved in June with first reading in May.
- f. Senate District 39 Candidate forum to be held at Brandon April 24.
- g. May 3 Relay for Life event at North Atlanta.



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IV. Adjournment

Minutes Taken By: John Waller, Principal at Rivers

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

