Meeting Minutes

Continental Colony (CCES)
Date: December 4, 2025
Time: 4:30 pm
Recording: Yes

I. Call to order: 4:42 pm

II. Roll Call

Role	Name *(or Vacant)*	Present or Absent
Principal	**Kristen Horton**	**P**
Parent/Guardian	**Mariyam Drammeh**	
Parent/Guardian	**BigGurl Carr**	
Parent/Guardian	**Vacant**	
Instructional Staff	**Marquisha Sanders**	**P**
Instructional Staff	**Cecilia Battle**	**P**
Instructional Staff	**Tauheedah Uthman**	
Community Member	**Carolyn Strozier**	**P**
Community Member	**Vacant**	
Swing Seat	**Vacant**	
Guest	**Tracie Astin**	**P**
Guest	**Joycelyn Gore**	

Quorum Established:

III. Action Items

A. **Approval of Agenda:**
Tabled (No quorum)

B. **Approval of Previous Minutes (10/23/25)**
Tabled (No quorum)

IV. Discussion Items

A. **2025–2030 School Strategic Plan Development**

1. Dr. Horton reviewed alignment to the Atlanta Public Schools Strategic Plan and discussed the six district strategic priorities. The

team reviewed proposed 2030 targets using a 3% annual growth model and discussed alignment to mission, vision, and KPI data.

2. Proposed 2030 Goals discussed:
    a. Reading proficiency increase from 19% to 39%
        i. Black subgroup 18.6 to 44.5%
        ii. Students with disabilities: 9 to 19%
    b. Math proficiency increase from 22% to 37%
        i. Black subgroup: 20-35%
        ii. Students with disabilities: 9-19%
    c. Students with Disabilities: increase proficiency from 9% to 19% in reading and math
    d. Attendance: Maintain 90% CCRPI rate and reduce chronic absenteeism
        i. Black students: improve from 70.73% to 82.6% not chronically absent
3. **Mission Statement Update:**
   Revised to: "Continental Colony Elementary aims to develop compassionate and knowledgeable lifelong learners through the progressive implementation of internationally-minded and rigorous instruction aligned with standardized assessment."
4. **Additional Goal Being Developed:** Parental involvement and whole child support
    a. Focus on parent expectations and connections
    b. Plan to survey similar demographic schools for best practices
    c. Goal to be fully developed for next meeting
5. **Next Steps**
    a. Finalize parental involvement goal with specific metrics
    b. Research strategies from other schools with strong parent engagement
    c. Timeline: Goals should be approved by January 2026 for FY27 budget planning

B. Attendance Strategies

The principal shared recent attendance data and strategies, including weekly perfect attendance celebrations. Nine classes achieved perfect attendance recently, with noted positive mid-week attendance improvements.

C. CCRPI Update

1. The school demonstrated significant improvements in CCRPI, including:
   a. Content Mastery: Jumped 11.2 points from 32.5 to 43.7, with especially strong gains in science
2. Progress: Increased 8.5 points from 77.1 to 85.6

3. Closing Gaps: Remained at 100, meaning all subgroup targets are on target
4. Readiness: Modest increase of 1.8 points (covers students reading at or above grade level)
5. Student Attendance: Improved from 66 to 70
6. Beyond the Core: Maintained at 100

D. Facilities Repurposing Update

The specific recommendation for Continental Colony includes:
The school will be repurposed and closed in spring of 2027 (end of next school year)

1. There will be improvements made to Deerwood, Fickett and Kimberly schools
2. Elementary boundary realignment will occur within the feeder pattern
3. This is expected to generate operational savings of $1.5 to $2 million annually
4. Potential deferred maintenance cost savings of $7.1 million
5. A reduction of 500 seats overall

Public Comment Discussion

V. Information Items.

VI. Announcements

A. **Debate Team**: The school's debate team had their first debate the week before Thanksgiving.

B. **Photography Club**: The photography club is currently underway. Students in the "Cubs to Panthers" photography course have been taking images based on what they learned, and their work was showcased during the IB morning tea and science/social studies fair.

C. **IB Morning Tea & Science/Social Studies Fair**: This event took place yesterday and featured significant student agency, including:

i. Students presenting their projects independently
ii. Two young ladies (second and third graders) directing the choir
iii. Two second graders doing the direction
iv. Two fifth graders running the entire program
v. Student photography club members taking pictures during the event
vi. Projects focused on solving common problems at Continental Colony, showing students taking action to better their school community
vii. The principal noted that there was a lot of student agency demonstrated at these events, which aligns with what the school has been working toward.

VII. Public Comment(s)

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned @ 5:11pm

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Minutes Taken By: Tracie Astin
Position: GO Team Secretary