

Garden Hills Elementary

Date: **January 26, 2026**

Time: **5:00 p.m.**

Location: **Zoom**

- I. Call to order: 5:00 pm
- II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Dr. Dante Edwards (Interim)	present
Parent/Guardian	Jeanne Moore	present
Parent/Guardian	Taylor Hill	absent
Parent/Guardian	Joycelyn Kennedy	present
Instructional Staff	Fiona Grant	present
Instructional Staff	Elizabeth Mayers	absent
Instructional Staff	Heath Willoughby	present
Community Member	Tommy Hope	present
Community Member	John Coppedge	present
Swing Seat	Katie Carlson	present
Student (High Schools)		

Quorum Established: **Yes**

III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: **Carlson**; Seconded by: **Kennedy**
Members Approving: Moore, Hill, Kennedy, Grant, Willoughby, Hope
Members Opposing: none
Members Abstaining: none
Motion Passes
- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *List amendments to the minutes:*
 Motion made by: **Carlson**; Seconded by: **Kennedy**
Members Approving: Kennedy, Willoughby, Moore, Carlson, Coppedge, Hope
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion Passes

c. **Action Item 1: 2025 - 2030 Strategic Plan Vote Motion:**

Motion made by: [Kennedy](#) ; Seconded by: [Grant](#)

Members Approving: all

Members Opposing: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion Passes

D. **Action Item 1: 2025 - 2030 Strategic Plan Ranking Motion:**

Motion made by: [Kennedy](#) ; Seconded by: [Carlson](#)

Members Approving: all

Members Opposing: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion Passes

IV. Discussion Items

a. **Discussion Item 1: 2025 - 2023 Strategic Plan Explanation**

i. Explanation of #2 on GHES 2025 - 2030 Plan

ii. Ms Kennedy asked if all subgroups would be a focus and not just blacks.
Ms. Moore explained that we have included all other subgroups.

b. **Discussion Item 2: 2026-2027 Strategic Objectives Ranking**

i. Go Team participants were given time to complete the survey of ranking.

ii. Ms. Carlson found that an objective was missing and placed that on in the chat.

iii. The ranking was completed by the GO Team using a blank Microsoft Form.

iv. Ms. Carlson asked about what the leadership objective means and how it would be implemented at GHES

c. **Discussion Item 3: FY27 Budget Development Preparation: School Allocation**

i. Dr. Edwards will attend an allocation meeting explaining how/why we received our budget allocations.

ii. Dr. Edwards will come back a present staffing and allocation with GO Team on February 9, 2026

V. Information Items

a. **Principal's Report**

i. CCRPI Results

1. Overall 80.6

2. Strength - ELA

3. Areas of Improvement - Math & Science (5th)

ii. HVAC Updates

1. The next remodel will be the hallway from the front of the building to the cafeteria from March 16th.

2. Most of the work will happen during Winter break
 3. The last big improvement will be the cafeteria & 4/5 section. This will occur during summer break.
 4. All areas that did not get new paint will have to pack and be ready to paint
 5. We have lights on the field as of Wednesday, Jan 21, 2026
 6. Field house breaking ground in March 2026
- iii. John Hancock Award
 1. The GA department of education began this award for students who can write in cursive. We were
 - iv. Principal Selection Process
 1. Position posted
 2. February 13 is the interview day for the GO Team

VI. Announcements

- a. Next GO Team meeting - Monday, February 9
- b. GO Team Member Budget Training

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Kennedy](#); Seconded by: [Carlson](#)

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 6:10 p.m.

Minutes Taken By: [Heath Willoughby](#)

Position: [Previous GO Team Secretary](#)

Date Approved: [\[Insert Date When Approved\]](#)