

Hope Hill Elementary

Date: 8/20/25

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Virtual

- I. Call to order: 6:10 pm
- II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Keisha Knight	Present
Parent/Guardian	Brittany Martin	Absent
Parent/Guardian	Alex Wu	Present
Parent/Guardian	Mamatha Appikonda	Absent
Instructional Staff	Kristen Lyle	Present
Instructional Staff	Stephanie Curtis	Present
Instructional Staff	Nigér McMath	Present
Community Member	Vacant	
Community Member	Rev. Donovan J. Pinner	Absent
Cluster Rep/Swing Seat	Derrick Ross	Present

Establish Quorum Established:

III. Action Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda made by: [Derrick Ross](#)

Seconded by: [Alex Wu](#)

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion [Passes](#)

B. Fill Vacant Positions

Motion to Postpone to fill Vacant Positions until the next meeting made by: [Alex Wu](#)

Seconded by: [Derrick Ross](#)
Members Approving: All
Members Opposing: None
Members Abstaining: None
Motion Passes

C. Fill Open Community Member Seat

Motion to Postpone to Fill Open Community Member Seat to the next meeting made by: [Alex Wu](#)

Seconded by: [Derrick Ross](#)
[Members Approving:](#) All
[Members Opposing:](#) None
[Members Abstaining:](#) None

Motion [Passes](#)

D. Fill Open Swing Seat

Motion to Postpone to Fill Open Swing Seat until the next meeting made by: [Alex Wu](#)

Seconded by: [Derrick Ross](#)
[Members Approving:](#) All
[Members Opposing:](#) None
[Members Abstaining:](#) None

E. Approval of Previous Minutes (last meeting of 2024-2025 school year)

Motion made by: [Kristen Lyle](#); Seconded by: [Nigér McMath](#)

[Members Approving:](#) All
[Members Opposing:](#) None
[Members Abstaining:](#) None

Motion [Passes](#)

F. Election of Officers and Representatives

i. Chair

ii. Vice-Chair

iii. Secretary

iv. Cluster Representative

Motion to Postpone to fill Vacant Positions and keep the current secretary as interim until the next meeting, made by [Alex Wu](#)

Seconded by: [Derrick Ross](#)

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion [Passes](#)

G. Review and Approve Public Comment Protocol

The public comment protocol was presented by Principal Knight and reviewed and discussed by the team.

Motion to **Approve Public Comment Protocol** made by: [Derrick Ross](#);

Seconded by: [Kristen Lyle](#)

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion [Passes](#)

H. Set GO Team Meeting Calendar – Meeting dates presented:

September 9, October 10, November 12, December 17, January 21, February 11, March 11, April 15. The dates were reviewed and adjusted by the team members.

Motion to **Approve GO Team Meeting Calendar Dates** made by: [Kristen Lyle](#);

Seconded by: [Stephanie Curtis](#)

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion [Passes](#)

I. Review, Confirm/Update, and Adopt GO Team Meeting Norms

Motion to **Adopt GO Team Meeting Norms** made by: [Kristen Lyle](#)

Seconded by: [Nigér McMath](#)

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

IV. Discussion Items

A. Stakeholder Engagement Exercise: Principal Knight shared that the GO team plays a vital role in the decision-making that impacts our school's direction and prioritizes our overall success. Engagement ensures that the decisions we make reflect the real needs and voices of the people of our school. We are stronger when we bring others into the work, when we listen, learn, and co-create with families, students, staff, and community members.

The GO team discussed ways to involve our school stakeholders, including families, students, staff, and the community.

V. Information Items

A. Principal's Update: Attendance and Enrollment - On August 7th, we had 57 students under enrollment projections, excluding Pre-K. The funding count days, where we decide if a school's going to lose or gain staff, are based on kindergarten through fifth-grade enrollment. Our projection was to have 411 students for the 25-26 school year. Currently, we are 27 under enrollment with Pre-K. Without the enrollment numbers of Pre-K added to our overall enrollment, we are 57 students under enrollment. That number shrinks each week, as counted as of the 14th, it went from 57 to 38. The 4th grade is over its projected count. Our kindergarten is under its projected enrollment. We are enrolling new students every day. Our cluster has two of its five elementary schools under its projections. All schools see an uptick in enrollment during September and January. The expectation is that Hope-Hill will meet its projected enrollment of 411 students for the 25-26 school year. We have a reserve of \$105,000 to maintain current staffing needs.

Atlanta Public Schools' long-term facilities plans address the optimal size for schools, capacity, and current facility usage. Information will be posted on our school website about the APS4-2040, including questions, answers, and

meetings that are going to occur. Our superintendent came into his role with a \$100 million deficit. We have several facilities that are under-enrolled. Atlanta Public Schools is balancing the difference of paying for the difference between what the state funds versus what schools are operating under. Um, so APS has been fronting that difference. The district has been doing this for several years. We have had several school closures, at least 5 closed over the past decade. There have been some new schools that have been created for the Midtown cluster and Virginia Highlands. The school board has made a directive to provide a 15-year timeline to ensure that we have schools that are operating to the fullest capacity, offering as many services to our community as possible, and taking into consideration the historic factors and services that are needed, like early learning centers or an art school.

APS has a personal electronic device policy aligned with the state of Georgia regarding our usage of personal devices. This policy will be implemented fully in the next school year. Atlanta Public Schools is currently implementing a soft launch of this policy for grades K-12. Hope-Hill has a personal electronic device policy. This school year, we'll ask students to keep their phones up and away during the school day. This is a long-standing board policy designed to support a focused and distraction-free learning environment for everyone.

For the next school year, in line with the new state law, this will be expanded to smartwatches, tablets, glasses, and headphones. The board policy was presented to Go Team members and the public.

The original adapted date was 2000, and then it was modified in 2019. The only changes made are the addition of smartwatches. There is a cluster-wide plan that was detailed in a letter sent via DOJO without much pushback and a minimum of parent concerns. If a student has their phone out and it is visible, we take the phone and put it into a secure phone locker space, and the student receives it back at the end of the day.

- B. Announcements:** -The long-term facilities plan for Atlanta Public Schools will have meetings on August 25th, October 20th, November 10th, and virtual meetings at noon, and in person at 6 p.m. at the CLL building. There will be a vote in December. For in-person announcements, we need the full GO team to be ready. To collaborate, contribute, and create the future. Please come and learn about the 25- 30 strategic plan, stakeholder engagement, APS4 2040, and much more at the G3 Summit, which will be held on a Saturday on September 27th, from 8.30 to 2.30.

GO team members, remember to complete all training. If not, you will be in jeopardy of losing your position on the team. Go team members are required to complete their orientation within one year of joining and must renew every four years. If not, you could be removed.

VI. Public Comments No comments were submitted for this meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: Derrick Ross; **Seconded by: Stephanie Curtis**

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 7:37 pm

Minutes Taken By: Nigér McMath

Position: Interim Secretary

Date Approved: