Meeting Minutes

WILLIAM M FINCH ES
Date: 5/14/2026
Time: 3:30 PM
Location: ZOOM

I. **Call to order:** 3:33PM
II. **Roll Call**

Role	Name *(or Vacant)*	Present or Absent
Principal	**Dr. Tara Spencer**	**Present**
Parent/Guardian	**Ms. Kashon Caldwell**	**Present**
Parent/Guardian	**Ms. Edwina Lawrence**	**Present**
Parent/Guardian	**Ms. Jasmina King**	**Absent**
Instructional Staff	**Ms. Tesia Germain**	**Present**
Instructional Staff	**Ms. Erin Gore**	**Present**
Instructional Staff	**Ms. Tatyana McKnight**	**Present**
Community Member	**Dr. Terence Lester**	**Present**
Community Member	**Eric Thomas**	**Present**
Swing Seat	**Ms. Rekina LeCount**	**Present**

Quorum Established: Yes

III. **Action Items**

a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Eric Thomas; Seconded by: Dr. Terence Lester
Members Approving: All Present Members
Members Opposing: 0
Members Abstaining: 0
Motion Passes

b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:**
Motion made by: Tatyana McKnight; Seconded by: Rekina LeCount
Members Approving: All Present Members
Members Opposing: 0
Members Abstaining: 0
Motion Passes

IV. Information Items

a. Principal's Report

i. MAP K–2 Spring Data

Dr. Spencer reviewed MAP K–2 spring data, noting that only second grade data was available through APS Tableau reports at this time. Kindergarten and first grade data will be shared via email at a later date. Second grade enrollment increased from 43 students in the fall to 50 students in the spring due to a highly transient student population. Dr. Spencer explained that this impacted comparisons between fall and spring performance data.

- Reading data showed:

Beginning Level increased from 44% to 54%
Students reading on grade level or above increased from 16% to 24%

- Math data showed:

Beginning Level decreased by 5%
Proficiency increased from 14% to 22%

Dr. Spencer shared plans to strengthen data usage, reteaching practices, and instructional planning for the upcoming school year.
Ms. Tatyana McKnight commended Ms. Rekina LeCount and Ms. Gates for their hard work and dedication to students.
Ms. Rekina LeCount asked about plans to support transient students entering during the school year. Dr. Spencer explained that third grade will increase from two teachers to three teachers next year to provide additional ELA and writing support.

ii. Georgia Milestones Assessment Update

Dr. Spencer shared preliminary Georgia Milestones results, noting promising progress in math and science. Fifth grade students scoring at the beginning level in math will participate in a retest on May 18–19 with additional instructional support from the math teacher and instructional coach.

iii. Power Up Summer School Program

Dr. Spencer shared details about the Power Up Summer Program, which will be hosted at Finch Elementary for the Carver Cluster. The program will be led by:

- Dr. Harmon (Finch) Site Administrator

- Ms. Hines (Perkerson) Assistant Site Administrator

Current enrollment is 173 students. Transportation, meals, enrichment activities, and an optional extended-day program will be available for families.

iv. Year-End Highlights

Dr. Spencer highlighted several accomplishments throughout the school year including:

- Black and White Gala
- Debate Team trophy win
- District spelling bee participation
- Earth Day activities
- Student awards and extracurricular recognition
- Parent Resource Center success
- Read Across America participation
- Ava Milage's district-recognized published digital book
- Cheerleading team winning Finch's first competition
- Teacher Appreciation support from Cathedral of Faith
- Visit from a descendant of William M. Finch
- K–2 student trip to Tennessee

Dr. Spencer emphasized the school's commitment to academics, extracurricular opportunities, and family support.

Ms. Rekina LeCount thanked Dr. Spencer for her leadership and support of staff and students.

Ms. Edwina Lawrence expressed appreciation for Finch teachers and shared that the staff inspires confidence in the future of education.

V. Announcements

- PTA Meeting scheduled for May 14, 2026 at 5:00 PM regarding the Finch/Parkinson consolidation plan
- Field Day for grades 3–4 scheduled for May 15
- Fifth grade Foam Party/Field Day scheduled for May 22
- Awards Days scheduled for the following week
- Six remaining school days in the school year
- Attendance remains important through the final week of school

Dr. Spencer also shared that several GO Team member terms may expire in June, including Ms. Gore, Ms. Lawrence, and Ms. Germain, pending confirmation.

The next GO Team meeting will be scheduled for Fall 2026.

VI. Adjournment

Motion made by: Ms. Rekina LeCount; Seconded by: Dr. Terence Lester
Members Approving: All Present Members
Members Opposing: 0
Members Abstaining: 0
Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 4:01PM

Minutes Taken By: Rekina C. LeCount
Position: Secretary
Date Approved: [Insert Date When Approved]