

**School Governance Council**  
**Benjamin Banneker High School**  
**Meeting Minutes**

September 20, 2016

A quorum of voting members was present for the School Governance Council September 20, 2016 meeting held in the Media Center at Banneker High School.

**Council Members Present**

Ramon Garner, Sandra Mason, Temeka Strozier, Sedrick Hamner, Austin Williams, Jeffrey Mills, Cherrye Bess-Branch, Dr. Duke Bradley.

**Council members absent:** Ajai Craig, Ava Debro

**Establish Quorum and Call to Order:** 5:06 pm by Ms. Mason, Seconded by Ms. Strozier.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

**New Item**

- Dr. Bradley reported on the great start that the school was experiencing this year. He discussed the Achievement Zone 90 day plan for improvement in Quality of Instruction. A schoolwide initiative of common planning is one of the strategies to be used in addition to a focus on student engagement.
- Students have increase time in English Language and Math by doubling up on those classes.
- Introduction of Balanced Literacy program in the school to attack reading deficiencies by Teach for America.
- One of the priorities of the school this year will be the Climate and Culture. The focus is a culture of Achievement and Excellence, Collaboration and Recognition.
- We have the lowest number of ISS and OSS days of all the High Schools.
- Dr. Bradley advised that the school has applied for a \$10 million School Improvement Grant (SIG) grant to help students become more College and Career ready.

**Public Comment**

Concern expressed from the community member was that it appears that the students are not ready for more advanced honors and Advanced Placement classes because they have not taken the basic classes to prepare them. He felt that something needs to be looked at to allow students to be more prepared so that they can succeed in the more rigorous classes.

### **Action Item**

Motion to ha a called meeting on October 3 by Mr. Mills. Seconded by Ms. Mason. The purpose of the Called meeting is

- Determine strategic priorities for the coming year
- Setting goals on how to properly run the Council and determine what success looks like
- Determine committees and vote on chairs for each committee
- Determine what is needed to get a Booster club in place

### **Discussion Items**

- The PTSA will be reestablished and the first meeting will be in November.
- Increase in communication between the SCG and the community.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm by Mr. Mills, Seconded by Ms. Mason.

The next meeting will be a called meeting at 5:00 pm on October 3, 2016, in the Media Center.

The Next regular meeting will be October 18, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the Media Center.

Minutes submitted by: Temeka Strozier