

**Benjamin Banneker High School
School Governance Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.**

Attendees: Ms. Cherrye Bess-Branch (Chair), Ms. Sandra Mason (Vice-Chair), Dr. Duke Bradley (Principal), Ms. Lisa Joe (Secretary), Dr. Detrius Jones (Parliamentarian), Mr. Ramon Garner (Asst. Principal)

Guests: Mr. Samuel Wakefield (FCS)

Call To Order

Meeting called to order by Ms. Cherrye Bess-Branch at 5:07 p.m.

Review/Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes and Agenda

The Agenda was reviewed and approved w/corrections- guests were removed from the agenda and the principal's updated was moved up in its place; Motioned by Dr. Jones and 2nd by Ms. Bess-Branch. Prior meeting minutes from August 22, 2017 were unanimously approved by the council; Motioned by Ms. Bess-Branch and 2nd by Dr. Jones.

Discussion Items

Principal's Update: Dr. Bradley announced that Banneker just attained its highest graduation rate since its inception. Banneker's graduation rate increased by over 30% the past 5 years. Dr. Bradley and Mr. Garner shared Banneker's 90 day plan in detail which will include two main areas of focus 1) Culture & Climate and 2) Quality Instructional Delivery. Goals: Increase performance targets in key milestone assessments (Math, Science, SS, ELA) and to create a culture of recognition and celebration.

District Strategic Plan: Mr. Wakefield provided the council with some potential ideas to consider for Banneker's strategic plan i.e. Stem focus, workforce development. He also provide the council with tools such as the GOSA report card that can be used as a resource for strategic planning purposes. He also provided the council with an update on the District's Strategic Plan Timeline. The District's plan will focus on four key areas:

- Student Achievement
- People and Culture
- Community Collaboration
- Fiscal Responsibility (newly added this year)

Community Partnerships: Ms. Branch-Bess provided the council with an update on potential community partnerships. A new activity bus has been provided for afterschool

clubs to increase student participation in after-school activities to help bridge the gap between Middle School and High School.

Vacant Council Positions: Dr. Bradley is currently looking for suitable members to fill the School Employee Vacancy and Community Member positions. The Student Council is searching for 2 student representatives. An update on the search process will be provided at the next SGC meeting.

South Fulton Training Council Meeting: Mr. Wakefield provided the council with overview of flexible funding for A-Z Schools that was discussed at the September Cross Council Training.

Announcements and Adjournments

Strategic Planning Sessions: **SAVE THE DATE**

Student Achievement - Scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the South Fulton Library.

People & Culture & Community Collaboration - Scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the South Fulton Library.

Fiscal Responsibility - Scheduled for Monday, January 29, 2018 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wolf Creek Library

Meeting Adjourned at 6:21 p.m.