

**Benjamin Banneker High School
School Governance Council Minutes
Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 5:00pm**

Attendees: Ms. Keyona Revere, Ms. Rhonda Beatty Moore, Ms. Cherrye Bess-Branch, Mr. Michael Rozier, Mr. Ramon Garner, Ms. Pamela Hudson, Ms. Franitha Jackson, and Ms. Gina Foster

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Ms. Cherrye Bess Branch at 5:13pm

Review/ Approval of Agenda and Prior Meeting Minutes

The Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Mr. Rozier moved to approve the minutes from the March 7th meeting and this motion was seconded by Ms. Beatty Moore.

Discussion Items

Welcome New Members

Ms. Revere welcomed new SGC Parent Representative Ms. Franitha Jackson.

Open Comment

Mr. Rozier voiced his concern regarding the prominence of Banneker's 3DE program and a perception of general BHS students and teachers not being regarded as highly as those in the program. Mr. Garner discussed the work being done in the program, the success of the students, and the methods used by teachers in the 3DE program. He suggested that the 3DE program is like "a school within a school". There was also discussion of the possibility that all of Banneker may become a 3DE school. It was agreed that work needs to be done to make sure that 3DE students and their parent understand that they are Banneker students, and, all Banneker students and faculty are equally valued.

Filling Vacancies

The Council discussed filling open vacancies that still remain. The SGC is currently seeking two community members, one parent, and two students to fill open positions.

SGC Self-Evaluation and Principal's Evaluation

SGC members took the two short evaluations required by Fulton Schools Office of School Governance and Flexibility.

Ms. Foster, SGC Facilitator, asked if the Council had any questions for her, before leaving for her next council appointment.

Sustainability

Discussion focused on funding once the SIG grant ends. If additional funding is not secured, positions will have to be eliminated. Teachers will have to provide more instruction to students to help decrease performance deficiencies, as well as take on student caseloads to mentor students toward graduation.

Ms. Bess-Branch initiated conversation about developing a Grant Champion Board to research and write grants that benefit Banneker. Ms. Revere offered that Fulton County Schools provides training in grant-writing. Training can be accessed through the Edivate portal.

Announcements and Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm