

Centennial Academy

Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2023 @ 12:00 PM

Governance Committee Members: Maurice Baker, Rewa Berry (Chair), Howard Grant, Walt Higgins (Vice-Chair), Jessica Olowoyo (Head of School) **Everyone present except Dr. Howard Grant who let us now he had a conflicting schedule prior to meeting and Maurice Baker.**

Call to order @ 12:12 PM

1. Board Training

- **Deadline will be May 31, 2023**
- **Jessica Olowoyo suggested we do a Saturday in-person training and another virtual training to ensure we meet our hours.**

2. Update on strategic Plan and State of the School

Per Jessica Olowoyo, Head of Schools

- **Discussed letter to APS**
- **Turn out of meeting regarding choices showed Option 2 having 53% for Washington Cluster and 47% Option 1 for Innovative Solutions. It was discussed how APS isolates in certain clusters.**
- **Residents in Howell Mill and Atlantic Station are showing concern about Option 2 (Washington Cluster)**
- **Ms. Olowoyo will reach out to possibly have a host time to discuss at Centennial to keep community more engaged**
- **Washington Cluster Principal (Mr. Wade) wants students at Centennial Academy**
- **Ms. Olowoyo attended Westside Future Fund in hopes for a partnership (Ms. Bolden)**
- **Walt Higgins asked if students at Centennial will be impacted that are going to 9th grade. Ms. Olowoyo stated that it will impact 8th graders this year**
- **11th and 12th graders have an option to stay but have to have their own transportation**
- **Ms. Olowoyo discussed the Community School Model, dual language immersion and what needs to be done to keep Centennial Academy on the edge of being a STEAM school.**

3. Update on Board Engagement

- **Continue to sign up and view the Monthly Newsletter**

4. Update on Board Giving/ Resources

- **Expressed on Monthly Newsletter**

5. Q&A

- **None**

6. Adjourn @ 1:11 PM