

Budget Finalization Meeting Minutes

Garden Hills Elementary

Date: **March 14, 2025**

Time: **5:00 p.m.**

Location: **Zoom**

I. Call to order: **5:02 p.m.**

II. Roll

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Stacey Perot	present
Parent/Guardian	Joycelyn Kennedy	present
Parent/Guardian	Jeanne Moore	present
Parent/Guardian	Sancian Crawford-Okoro	present
Instructional Staff	Kim Cole	present
Instructional Staff	Ashley Wampler	present
Instructional Staff	Charles Willoughby	present
Community Member	Tommy Hope	present
Community Member	Kelsey Bunker	present
Swing Seat	Milena Munoz	present
Student (High Schools)	N/A	
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III. Call

Guests Present: [If someone has been invited someone to present to the GO Team, list the name(s) here; you do not have to list observers]

Quorum Established: [Yes]

IV. Action Items

A. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Joycelyn Kennedy; Seconded by: Kelsey Bunker

Members Approving: 9

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Motion made by: Joycelyn Kennedy; Seconded by: Charles Willoughby

Members Approving: 9

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Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

B. Approval of the Final Budget Recommendation:

- no changes made to budget from budget feedback meeting
- vast majority of budget is spent on instruction

DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS

- *Will the dismantling of the DOE or removal of DEI impact our budget?*
 - a. There are no grant positions at GHES
 - b. Our Title 1 money may move to the state level rather than federal level
 - c. No direct impacts are foreseen.

Motion made by: Ashley Wampler; Seconded by: Kelsey Bunker

Members Approving: 9

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

V. Information Items *(add items as needed)*

A. Principal's Report [Add brief summary of the report and any resulting discussion]

- i. HVAC Construction web-based information presented by S. Perot from APS Website.
- ii. Main building will be getting HVAC upgrades (May 2025 - July 2025)
- iii. Media center, gym, cafeteria (Sept 2025 - May 2026)
- iv. Auditorium, main hallway, 4th and 5th, Art room (May 2026 - July 2026)

B. February 24, 2025 CAT Meeting Report Out

- i. Feb. 24, 2025 Meeting -
 - 1. Looking for what does APS need to stop to produce better academic results
 - 2. Improve equitable access is still a major focus
 - 3. Some people want to move from the cluster model
 - 4. reduce technology reliance
 - 5. enhance individual learning plans
 - 6. Looked at what student should be able to do when they leave APS
- ii. Facilities Capacity and Utilization and Next Steps
 - 1. See information on APS → GO Teams → Cluster Planning
 - 2. Want to look at the schools that have reduced enrollment
 - a. Red - over 100% capacity trigger action
 - b. Purple - below 65% capacity trigger action
 - 3. This is to help with future moves and recommendations

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QUESTIONS

- *Do the schools that have reduced numbers have better academic outcomes than larger schools?* In most instances smaller class sizes do have a higher academic outcome. But schools don't necessarily have smaller student to staff ratio.
- *Do you see changes in enrollment based on school choice?* School choice may have an impact on the size and enrollment of the school.

VI. Announcements

- A. Kelsey Bunker shared that on Sat., March 29, 2025 - APS will host SwimFest from 11-4 for APS families at King Middle School. rescheduled for May 10 th

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: Joycelyn Kennedy; Seconded by: Kelsey Bunker

Members Approving: 9

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 5:38 p.m.

Minutes Taken By: Charles Willoughby

Position: GO Team Secretary

Date Approved: May 6, 2025