

## Willis A. Sutton Middle School

Sutton Middle School

Date: October 1, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Recording:

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I. Call to order: [5:39 pm]

II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Dominique Merriweather	P
Parent/Guardian	Stephanie Houghton	P
Parent/Guardian	Annette Sullivan	p
Parent/Guardian	Shauna Achey	P
Instructional Staff	De`Markius Lamar	P
Instructional Staff	Adrienne Williams	P
Instructional Staff	Antoine Edwards	P
Community Member	Joel Iverson	P
Community Member	Fran Egan	P
Swing Seat	Charneka Jones	P

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items *(add items as needed)*

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: [Lamar]; Seconded by: [Egan]  
**Members Approving:** Merriweather, Houghton, Achey, Lamar, Williams, Edwards, Egan, Jones  
**Members Opposing:**  
**Members Abstaining:**  
**Motion**Passes

## IV. Discussion Items

- a. **Discussion Item 1:** Strategic Plan and Continuous Improvement Plan  
[ELA and Math met/exceeded CIP goal of 3%; Decrease in ELA by 2.9% Decline in Science scores; overarching needs in literacy and numeracy- subgroups; whole child intervention to reduce suspension rate through intervention and supports Goal/Action steps: teachers will implement reflections/goal setting <personalized learning> targeted instruction and differentiated instruction. Review SMART goals from 2022-2025; building a culture of student support: weekly SEL lessons; equipping and empowering leaders and staff- funds are set aside to support...discussion about the 'family math night' and how it informs the PLC work as well as local PD; hosting a min. of four events for parents through the parent university; targeted outreach to subgroups...each year in our CIP we look for a 3% increase. Reviewed data trends by sub-group; data is trending upwards Updates regarding strategic plan: remove basc screener/ continue to perfect what is already working]
- b. **Discussion Item 2:** School Uniform  
[engagement process of optional school uniform  
Achey does not support school uniform- it may not be the right fit for Sutton...no one is advocating for school uniform. Review of ABOE Policy of student dress code-very liberal, review of school specific dress code, decision to adopt board policy- Dr. Merriweather has drafted a school dress code]
- Approval of Optional School Uniform:** Motion made by: [Joel]; Seconded by: [Egan]  
**Members Approving:** Merriweather, Houghton, Achey, Lamar, Williams, Edwards, Sulliva, Jones
- c. DLI Data  
DLI teachers are using intense instructional strategies to support their learning. 57% proficient and above are still out-performing non-DLI students...DLI teachers provide targeted instruction due to severe deficits that vary among students  
Personalized Learning is working to support student deficits and meet them where they are academically.

## V. Information Items

- a. **Principal's Report** [security grant updates: 45k for cameras and ballistic film installed/leveling update- new teacher onboarding to start 10/3 new classes will

start on 10/21/ curriculum night rescheduled: exploring optional dates and format. Cell phone policy discussed: going well

- b. **Cluster Advisory Team Report** [superintendent update: budget cuts on the admin side of the district/ low enrollment in some schools could result in a merger/cluster break-out to determine cluster goals: cluster collaboration and communication and sub-group performance and data]

**VI. Announcements** [discuss budget and dance attendance]

**VII. Adjournment**

Motion made by: [Egan; Seconded by: [A. Williams]

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

Motion [Pass]

**ADJOURNED AT** [6:51pm]

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**Minutes Taken By:** [Charneka Jone]

**Position:** [Swing Member]

**Date Approved:** [Insert Date When Approved]