GO TEAMS
STRONG SCHOOLS START WITH ME!

Meeting Minutes

Hutchison

Date: September 22, 2025

Time: 4:00 pm

Recording:

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I. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 4:25 pm

II. Roll Call

Role	Name *(or Vacant)*	Present or Absent
Principal	**Melissa St. Joy**	**P**
Parent/Guardian	**April Payne**	**P**
Parent/Guardian	**Dedrina Steele**	**P**
Parent/Guardian		
Instructional Staff	**Akithia Atkinson**	**P**
Instructional Staff	**Chanae Freeman**	**P**
Instructional Staff		
Community Member	**Ryan Dunn**	**A**
Community Member	**Kimetta Ortiz**	**P**
Swing Seat	**Michele Sanchez**	
Student *(High Schools)*		
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Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

A. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Ms. Ortiz; Seconded by: Ms. Steele
Members Approving: 5
Members Opposing: 0
Members Abstaining: 0
Motion: Motion Passes

B. **Approval of Previous Minutes:**
Motion made by: Mrs. Freeman; Seconded by: Ms. Steele
Members Approving: 5 members approved of the previous minutes
Members Opposing: 0
Members Abstaining: 0
Motion Passes

IV. Action Item

A. Ms. St. Joy made a recommendation for Michele Sanchez to join Hutchinson's Go-Team for the Swing Seat.

B. **Approval of New Member:**
Motion made by: Mrs. Freeman; Seconded by: Ms. Steele
Members Approving: 5 members approved of Ms. Sanchez as the Swing Seat member
Members Opposing: 0
Members Abstaining: 0
Motion: Passes

V. Discussion Items

A. Strategic Plan: Ms. St. Joy reviewed the schools Strategic Plan from 2021-2025. The principal discusses how Hutchinson's strategic plan aligns with APS's strategic Plan. Some of the school's strategic priorities are as follows:

1. **Reduce barriers to school attendance and decrease chronic absenteeism.**
2. **Build teacher capacity in core content areas, particularly Math, ELA, Science and STEM Education**
3. **Recommend high-quality staff for vacant positions that arise**
4. **Improve the percent of students achieving at proficient and distinguished level on Georgia Milestones Assessment.**
5. **Implement STEM engineering and design program model that leads to obtaining STEM school certification by 2025**

ii. Ms. St. Joy also outlined the school's strategy to accomplish our priorities. They are as follows:

1. **Implement rigorous and real-world interdisciplinary projects, units, and PBL's through STEM**
2. **Obtain STEM certification by 2025**
3. **Implementation of PBIS program to promote a positive school culture**
4. **Build upon and maintain business and education partnerships (Delta and Northwestern Mutual)**
5. **Provide targeted professional learning opportunities focused on the implementation of Standards and STEM**
6. **Implement intentional vertical and horizontal alignment collaboration throughout the school**

7. **Increase Math/Science/STEM/GIFTED endorsements to support STEM implementation**
8. **Monthly calendar of school events.**
9. **Build parent capacity to understand student needs through in-person Parent Meetings and Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT)**

ii. SMART Goals: Ms. St. Joy discussed how the strategic plan and the Continuous Improvement Plan all work together to develop the SMART Goals for the school and the indicators. For example, if we improve the percent of students achieving at proficient and distinguished level on Georgia Milestones Assessment, the smart goal

B. Data Discussion

i. MAP Results

ii. 2025 GA Milestones Results

VI. Information Items

A. Principal's Update Principal St. Joy provided updates to the Go Team. She reviewed APS's PED policy. Students are not allowed to have their phones during the school day. Next school year, the policy will include phones, smart watches, and tablets (personal) to be put. This is to ensure a distraction free environment. She also noted upcoming events. There is a house meeting on August 29th, a school dance is also scheduled for Aug. 29th. An Academic Parent Teacher Teams Night is scheduled for September 25th. A house meeting is scheduled for Aug. 26th. Parent conferences are scheduled for September 30th. Extended Learning Day is on October 13th and Fall Break on is scheduled for October 14th through the 18th.

B. **APS Forward 2040 –Comprehensive Long-Range Facilities Plan Update: Ms. St. Joy welcomed a representative from the APS Forward 2040 was invited to speak but they did not attend. However, she did post upcoming dates to discuss long range plans for our cluster.**

VII. Announcements Ms. St. Joy opened the floor for any announcements. There were none from the GO Team. She did note that she would like Go Team members to come out to G3 Summit. It will be on Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 8:30 am until 2:30 pm. The community will learn about the Future of Hutchinson. All Go Team members must complete training.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by: Ms. Payne; Seconded by: Mrs. Freeman
Members Approving: 5
Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0
Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm

Minutes Taken By: Akithia Atkinson
Position: Secretary
Date Approved: October 20, 2026