



**Fernbank Elementary School
Principal Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2024**

Time: 3:00 PM
Location: Fernbank Administration Conference Room or
<https://emory.zoom.us/j/94391601198>

I. Approval of Agenda

Approved by unanimous yes vote.

II. PAC Items

- a. PAC Members
 - i. Photos for website
 - 1. Michael Neel
 - 2. Catherine Corser
- b. PAC website audit is complete.

III. Principal's Report

- a. CSIP Status
Planning for next year with emphasis on math and literacy, IB certification is coming up soon. The overall look of the document may be different but similar
- b. MAP Testing Update
Because some of our students are already high, we see less growth. We are trying to imagine ways to assess growth for students who are already testing high. Sub-groups – AA in science was area of concern, EL students in math, special ed students in math and literacy.
- c. Student Counts
798 Students. 2nd grade has overpopulation, and we are trying to find ways to support.
- d. Facility Work Order Status
Several minor things that need to get done: sink is not draining properly and there is sitting water. Library floods when there is a heavy rain – concern about mold/mildew. Key card is not working for the tunnel and we have a safety concern with the door. We are going to give these until after spring break and then we may want to leverage PAC involvement.

IV. Students and Teachers

a. Personnel Update

Will add a 3rd grade, 2nd grade class, and 1st grade class for fall 2024. Hiring for 7 positions – 2nd grade, 3rd grade class, and 4 teachers retiring. We have already hired for 5 and currently looking for 2 more. We have put in for a 3rd Pre-K class and waiting on approval – currently 75 applications and lottery for Pre-K closes today.

b. Attendance Hero Updates

March we had hero gathering. This is taking up a lot of attention and we may not do it or do it the same way next year.

c. Edulog Communication

Getting some feedback that sometimes it does not work if there is a change (e.g., if there is a driver shift).

V. Dekalb County School District / Region 2

a. Druid Hills Cluster Alliance Meeting – Mar. 25, 2024 at 5:30pm

b. PAC Spring Cross Council Meeting – Mar. 27, 2024 at 5:30pm

Conversation in last meeting was to envision how these meetings can be helpful for all persons on the call. Open for input about if there may be things valuable for reconfiguring the purpose of those meetings.

VI. PTA and Foundation Updates

a. PTA Events Update

Bringing back international night in a different way. If you have not volunteered, please encourage participation– see the Flash. Teacher appreciation is coming up. Math Night sponsored by Mathnasium next Wednesday.

b. Foundation Update

ADA compliance for playground is still unresolved. Will add this as an initiative for priority list and designate someone to form advocacy using PTA and foundation to be the voice for compliance issues that we have.

Lighting for stage – 3 estimates for speakers and sound

Grounds committee needs help planting bushes.

Murals have begun in bathrooms.

VII. Good of the Order

VIII. Next Meeting Date:

a. May 2, 2024