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**Principal Advisory Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 06, 2025**

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Fernbank Administration Conference Room or

<https://emory.zoom.us/j/94391601198>

Present:

Khalia Williams

Alison Eber

Michael Neel

Aaronlyn Wright

Katherine Corser

Christina Heda

Dee Dee Westbrook

Berit Turner

1. **Approval of Agenda**

Motioned, seconded and approved

1. **Principal’s Report**
   1. CSIP Status – Continuing to focus on math, literacy, and attendance/chronic absenteeism. Making efforts to look at subgroups that are not making as much progress on Georgia Milestones (e.g., ESOL, Students With Disabilities, and Economically Disadvantaged populations)
   2. Student and Teachers Updates
      1. Student Counts – currently at 882; Grades 3-5 are at capacity
      2. Teacher Staffing Updates – new custodian has been hired, putting this year at full capacity; next year, several teaching positions will be added to address increasing enrollment
      3. Testing Recap/Updates – MAP testing scheduled for March; data will be used to group students for targeted interventions as needed in preparation for Georgia Milestones
   3. Facility Work Order Status – concerns about delayed responses to electrical issues and burning smells surrounding electrical
   4. Personnel Updates – discussed with teacher staffing updates
   5. Student Exceptions – Enrolled in Language Immersion (Tina) – moved to April meeting
   6. Fernbank Cares – increasing efforts to support families in need, especially before breaks; coordinating efforts with the Fernbank Foundation and social worker
2. **Dekalb County School District / Region 2**
   1. DHHS Modernization Updates – no major updates; more community discussion needed. The district continues to consider several options, but no decisions have been made or appear close to being made; Alison and Khalia will reach out to other regional PACs to explore coordinating community information efforts
   2. SAP Updates – the committee continues to analyze building capacities, boundaries, and programming in an effort to standardize offerings within the district; survey going out to the public about preferences and needs
   3. Druid Hills Cluster Alliance Meetings
      1. Monday, March 31st - 5:30-6:30pm
      2. Monday, April 28th - 5:30-6:30pm
   4. PAC Spring Cross Council Meeting – Monday, March 6th – 5:30-7:00pm
3. **PTA and Foundation Updates**
   1. PTA Events Update – several upcoming events on the calendar
   2. Foundation Update – celebrating completion of the mural in the media center and funding efforts for Fernbank Cares; Auction coming up
4. **Wrap Up**
   1. Items to Include in The Flash (Rachel) – showcase where to find information about DHHS modernization considerations
   2. Additional Announcements
5. **Next Meeting Date:** Thursday, April 24, 2025