

2017-2018 Governing School Council (GSC)

Baldwin Hills Elementary Pilot / GHA Magnet Center
5421 Rodeo Road, Los Angeles, CA 90016

GSC Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2017

I. Call to Order

GSC Chairperson, Delmar Thomas call the meeting to order at 4:17pm (due to delay in completion of the SSC meeting)

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Baldwin Hills scholar, Riley Langley

III. Roll Call/Establish Quorum

A. Roll call was conducted by GSC Secretary, Angela Petty

Members in attendance:

Delmar Thomas	Jheri Murdock	Nekishia Lester-Spinner
Shaunte Taylor	Dr. Kimerlin Benjamin	Jacqueline Porter-Morris
Angela Petty	Tracy Pharris	Kimberly Theard
Dr. Letitia Davis	Marie Germaine	Lauren Carr (alternate teach member)
Dr. AmberMarie Irving-Elkins		

Members not present:

Saudeka Shabazz

B. Quorum was established with 13/14 members present for roll call

IV. Chair's Report

Mr. Thomas opened his report by restating the mission and vision of Baldwin Hills Elementary Pilot. He announced the forthcoming Annual Pilot Review and indicated that the committee was accepting volunteers to help conduct the first round of classroom visits. Finally, Mr. Thomas shared that the Parent Liaison list was finalized and that all communication would be extended to them as well, as early as next week.

V. Principal's Report

Dr. Davis reported that the stakeholder feedback rendered from the previous Principal's Evaluation (last year), demonstrated some areas for growth. Based on that feedback, her goals for 2017-2018 are as follows:

- 1) Gather feedback from teachers to improve my instructional feedback and meetings with them in our 1:1 PG Chats

2) Another growth goal is to have S cultures represented beyond solely African/African American cultures in room environments and to have this reflected in our Pilot Walk-Thru data.

3) Engage families to have more presence on campus through communication, ongoing forums, **technology outreach**, etc.

She indicated that her ongoing focus would be to improve upon things in the targeted areas, evidenced in the next evaluation (later this school year).

Dr. Davis announced that the Intervention program implemented 4 weeks ago was coming to a close, as the 1st trimester will be ending the first week in November. She reported that parent conferences were scheduled to begin the week of November 13th, with a minimum day schedule.

Dr. Davis confirmed that the Annual Pilot Review Committee would conduct their first round of classroom observations on October 30th. She stated that a strong focus would remain on what students were doing in the classroom and how the instructional practices/models (e.g. PBL's, STEAM, PLC's, CLR-culturally and linguistically responsive, etc.) are contributing to the increase of student achievement.

VI. Fundraising/Community Engagement Presentation

Committee members, Dr. Irving-Elkins, Angela Petty and Shaunte Taylor reported their efforts to expand the fundraising endeavors at Baldwin Hills.

Potential fundraising opportunities presented were:

- Local Community Merchants: Interests in working with local merchants, e.g. *Jamba Juice*, *Yogurtland*, *Pizza*, etc. with the capacity to go on-site to the school during school-wide events or after school for parent meetings.
- *Antique Pictures*, a theme-based photography company.
- *African American Expressions*, a catalogue-based sales company

Dr. Irving-Elkins presented the opportunity for a major technology grant worth \$10K. *Soft Choice Power Up* is offering grants for technology in 10 schools throughout the United States. Dr. Irving-Elkins indicated the urgency for the proposal and approval due to the impending deadline (October 26th).

Sub-committee members approved the proposal and Dr. Irving-Elkins was appointed as lead member to obtain criteria, complete research and apply for the grant as required on the info sheet provided.

VII. Public Comments

No public comments.

VIII. Approval for Prior Meeting Minutes (Action Item)

A motion to approve the meeting minutes for the September 14th meeting was made by Mr. Thomas and was seconded by Ms. Taylor. A unanimous vote was made to approve the September 2017 meeting minutes. The meeting minutes will be posted on the school website in short order.

IX. Presentation and Vote to Establish a Pilot Mission Subcommittee (Action Item)

Mr. Thomas proposed on behalf of the GSC Executive Board to institute a new GSC subcommittee that would seek to acknowledge the success of Baldwin Hills (i.e., scholars, faculty/staff, school-wide) as it relates to fulfilling our stated Pilot School Mission. The proposed subcommittee would be inclusive of 2-3 members to identify 1-2 candidates to be recognized during each monthly GSC meetings. Mr. Thomas added that the primary objective of this subcommittee is to highlight the actions congruent with the Pilot Mission and/or recognize the strides made towards that mission, which are consistent with the core values of Baldwin Hills. Recognition includes achievements and work showing the school is fulfilling its mission, more so than just traditional, academic achievement. Mr. Thomas handed out the school's Pilot Mission to show verbiage and indicators to look for when searching for and selecting examples for Pilot Mission recognition.

The following GSC members expressed interests to act as co-chairs and participants for the Pilot Mission Subcommittee:

Dr. Benjamin	Dr. Irving-Elkins
Ms. Taylor	Ms. Murdock

A motion to approve the Pilot Mission Subcommittee was made by Mr. Thomas and was seconded by Ms. Petty. A unanimous vote was made to approve the the subcommittee, with the said (4) members acting as co-chair. All remaining GSC meetings will include a brief presentation by the Pilot Mission Subcommittee, recognizing situations where the pilot mission is being fulfilled in a positive and construct way.

X. GSC Member Announcements

1. Dr. Benjamin announced that the SSC action item for a revised Compact letter was voted on and approved.
2. Ms. Lester-Spinner announced that the Title I funds (\$29K) were allocated to the following:
 - i. Tutoring: Allocation will support the maintenance of the 6-week intervention program for (at-risk) students identified through assessment data.
 - ii. Professional Development: Allocation will be used for professional growth/development opportunities linked to student achievement in ELA/Math.

- iii. PSA Counselor (approx. \$2k): Funds will be used to support additional time/resources for the PSA counselor.
3. Dr. Davis announced that Baldwin Hills is “Outperforming” their neighboring schools. She shared the SBAC data (scores) from last year in ELA and Math. Data showed growth in ELA for the 2016-2017 year. Additional data/results will be forwarded to GSC secretary and will be shared on the Baldwin Hills website.
4. Ms. Germaine/Ms. Pharris announced that the Pilot Informational Session held on October 15th (at 4pm.) had 5 parents in attendance. Another informational session will be held on October 26th (5-6pm) in the Computer Lab.

XI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Irving-Elkins and was seconded by Ms. Murdock. A vote was unanimously approved by all GSC members present. Meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.