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"Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow"

Kathy Polight, Principal ***Keyon Armstead, Assistant Principal***

School Leadership Team Meeting
Thursday, October 22nd, 2026 – 3pm

Members Present:
Nicole Petit, UFT (Chairperson)
Nicole Stewart, UFT
Nakia Campbell, UFT (Chapter Leader)
Almonica Barratt, UFT
Karese Howell, Parent Member
Karesha James, Parent Member
Margaret Jackson, Community School Director
Medina Washington, Parent
Larry McKinney, Parent

Members Absent:
Kathy Polight, Principal
Marsha Firmin, UFT
Shonda Barham, Parent Member

The meeting was called to order. The minutes from the previous month's meeting were read and approved.

- **Principal's Report**

In Principal Polight's absence, Ms. Campbell facilitated the discussion on the school's Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP). The team discussed and reviewed the school's CEP goals, with a focus on Priorities 1, 2, and 5. Each priority was discussed at great length in addition to its root causes and proposed solutions. We also provided an update on our school's improved attendance rate. Our Year-to-Date attendance has increased from 87% to 91%. The team discussed ideas on things we can do to meet our school-wide attendance goal of 92%. Ms. Petit then explained our "PRESENT" attendance initiative and encouraged the parent team members to continue to bring their children to school daily.

- **Parent-Teacher Association Report**

Ms. Howell shared that the “Potluck” was a success. Parents attended and shared their gratitude and thoughts about the school year. She also mentioned that they first Snack Sale fundraiser was a success and will be held on alternating weeks.

- **Community School Director’s Report**

Ms. Jackson reported on the programming for the school. She discussed the programs implemented this year. Some of them include Stimulating Minds Entrepreneurship & Leadership (SMEL), Reading Partners, and NTN (National Training Network). She also announced that we will be having a Winter Coat Drive on Monday, November 9th from 11am-1pm and a Food Distribution on November 17th. Ms. Jackson also mentioned that she will host an event called “Donuts with the Director” to invite families to learn more about the Community School Director and services provided by United Community Schools.

Looking Ahead

- Discuss school fundraising ideas
- CEP Goals and Progress Monitoring
- School-Wide Events

The meeting was adjourned.
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19th, 2026.