

**Title I Advisory Council  
Minutes for the Monday, September 10, 2018  
Riley Elementary – media center**

**Members and contributors present:** Genefer Rollins, Nikki Bradley, Marie-Claire Leman, Carmen Conner, Ronald Hollis, Regina Randolph-Hollis, Shereika Tucker, Cheryl Collier-Brown, Allison Stachnik, Rebecca Johnson, Davina Young, LeAnne Ponder, Anita M. Whitby-Davis, Latrenda Jackson, Jonathan Wilson, Shari Gewanter, Talethia Edwards, Michele Prescott, Janele Bullard, Robert Connors, Maria McIntyre, Amy Hand, Joi N. Phillips, Ashley Scott, Amber Mitchell, Taita Scott, Tina Austin, Randall Austin, Judith Ogbonna, Grace Frances, Jessica Andrews, Marcus Nicolas, Ki-Jana Garmon, Darryl Jones, Carman Pedro.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Cheryl Collier-Brown, seconded by Michele Prescott.

**Spotlight on Riley Elementary School** - Principal Taita Scott

Communication is very important. She and the new Assistant-Principal, Mr. Randall Austin, are getting to know and love the community. They are humbly learning about the school community and are very proud of the efforts of the whole school community in raising their school grade last year from a D to a C. Riley is still on the list of bottom 300 elementary schools. They will focus on returning to basics and foundational skills. They want to focus on a classical education especially for k-2 students - so they know what is expected of them.

The school Fb pages have been a great way to learn from each other and borrow the best ideas from each other.

Parent engagement is a big focus. Every event has to have something that will benefit parents: a walk-in legal clinic paired with one about parent engagement; a session about budgeting around the time of tax returns.

Question: What would you most need if money was no object?

Answer: More staff to bring down class size

**By-law revision adoptions:** The proposed Bylaw amendments were highlighted and explained by Marie-Claire Leman. A motion to adopt the revisions was made by Ms. Collier-Brown and seconded by Ms. Talethia Edwards. The Bylaw amendments were adopted.

**Regrouping by Task Forces:** each group worked together on it goals.

**Opportunity for questions on the Title I Grant:** Ms. Ashley Scott explained that the grant is being reviewed by the FLDOE. The district is not sure how much they will get, so they have to be careful in budgeting. The roll forward from last year was about 1 million, though it is not certified yet. It may seem like a large amount, but when you don't know how much to expect, you don't project to the whole grant. This year, we are lucky to have the Roll forward as it will help serve a Charter school that had not submitted its figures on time to be included in the grant. The Title I Grant has allowed to reduce class size in some schools: in one school the class size is down to 12 in a few others it is averaging at 16.

**Close of meeting**