

SUTTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Date: **August 14, 2023**

Time: **5:30pm**

Recording: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cRpfaSQsiZMQoXBLP-CXLSGC9salZoR6/view>

I. Call to order: 5:37pm

II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Dr. Dominique Merriweather	Present
Parent/Guardian	Shauna Achey	Present
Parent/Guardian	Tania Wismer	Present
Parent/Guardian	Vacant	
Instructional Staff	DeMarkius Lamar	Present
Instructional Staff	Shelly Riddle	Present
Instructional Staff	Antoine Edwards	Present
Community Member	Ana Flores	Absent
Community Member	Vacant	
Swing Seat	Vacant	

Quorum Established: **Yes**

III. Action Items

A. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: **Wismer**; Seconded by: **Lamar**

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

B. **Fill Vacant Positions**

Vacant Position:	Parent
Nominee's Name:	Laura Collins
GO Team Members In favor	All
GO Team Members Opposed	None
GO Team Members Abstaining	None

C. **Fill Open Community Member Seat:**

Open Position:	Community Member
Nominee's Name:	Fran Egan
GO Team Members In favor	All
GO Team Members Opposed	None
GO Team Members Abstaining	None

D. **Fill Open Swing Seat**

Nominee's Name:	Nominated by	GO Team Members In favor
Charneka Jones	Shelly Riddle	All

GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting: None

SWING SEAT RESULT: Passes

E. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *List any amendments to the minutes: None*

Motion made by: Wismer; Seconded by: Edwards

Members Approving: Merriweather, Achey, Wismer, Lamar, Riddle, Edwards

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: Collins

Motion Passes

F. **Election of Officers and Representatives**

i. **Chair: Result:** Shauna Achey

Officer Position:	Chair
Nominee Name	GO Team Members In favor of Nominee
Shauna Achey	All

GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting: None

ii. **Vice Chair: Result:** Antione Edwards

Officer Position:	Vice Chair
Nominee Name	GO Team Members In favor of Nominee
Antione Edwards	All

GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting: None

iii. **Secretary: Result:** Laura Collins

Officer Position:	Secretary
Nominee Name	GO Team Members In favor of Nominee
Laura Collins	All

GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting: None

iv. Cluster Representative: Result: [Tania Wismer](#)

Officer Position:	Cluster-Representative
Nominee Name	GO Team Members In favor of Nominee
Tania Wismer	All

GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting: None

G. **Review and Approve Public Comment Protocol**

Protocol reviewed by Dr. Merriweather. Four public comment meetings are required per school year. The Sutton GO Team will post the agenda one week in advance of a GO Team Meeting. If someone wants to make a public comment, they must sign up 24 hours in advance of the meeting to do so. Each speaker will get two minutes unless approved for more time by the GO Team Chair. A Google Docs form will be created for sign-up prior to the meetings and posted.

Motion to adopt made by: [Wismer](#); Seconded by: [Achey](#)

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

H. **Set GO Team Meeting Calendar** (*GO Teams are required to have a minimum of 6 business meetings, with at least 4 allowing for Public Comment*)

	Date	Time	Location	Time for Public Comment? (Yes/No)
1	09/05/23	5:30pm	Hybrid – Northside Campus	Yes
2	10/03/23	5:30pm	Hybrid – Northside Campus	Yes
3	11/14/23	5:30pm	Hybrid – Northside Campus	No
4	12/05/23	5:30pm	Hybrid – Northside Campus	Yes
5	01/23/24	5:30pm	Hybrid – Northside Campus	No
6	02/13/24	5:30pm	Hybrid – Northside Campus	No
7	03/05/24	5:30pm	Hybrid – Northside Campus	Yes
8	04/09/24	5:30pm	Hybrid – Northside Campus	No

Motion to adopt calendar made by: [Lamar](#); Seconded by: [Collins](#)

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

I. **Review, Confirm/Update, and Adopt GO Team Meeting Norms**

Dr. Merriweather reviewed and confirmed the GO Team Meeting Norms. Only members of the GO Team may participate. Any members of the public present must quietly observe. We commit to being fully present and following the agenda as noticed to the public. We will stay on task and be respectful of each other. We will be openminded. We will invite and welcome comments from every member of the GO Team. We will listen to each other and will respect all ideas. We assume good intentions and we will approach differences of opinions with curiosity.

Motion to adopt made by: Collins; Seconded by: Riddle

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

IV. **Information Items**

A. **Principal's Update**

- 1) **New 7th Grade Assistant Principal** – Sutton is in the process of recommending a new Assistant Principal. 7th Grade AP – Mr. Billups received a new Principal position in Fulton Co Schools. Ms. Pamela Scott is serving as the Interim AP. Dr. Merriweather is anticipating we should have the position filled in the next 2-3 weeks.
- 2) **Strong start to school year** – Parent Pep Rally by PTA was a success. Kids, teachers, and parents all seem excited, happy and things are going well. Systems are getting in place.
- 3) **GA Milestone Results** – Results will be presented at next GO Team meeting.
- 4) **Student Devices** – Dr. Merriweather considered not distributing devices due to high number of lost, broken, stolen devices. Teacher Survey – 50% were in favor, 30% not in favor of sending home (due to responsibility, homework concerns). Homework was biggest driver for choosing to send devices home. Over 1400 devices were sent for repair, over half were lost. 1300 were resolved and closed. Average time for repair was 25 days. Multiple GO Team reps agree that homework is beneficial for “moving the needle” and that the resources / apps on My BackPack are helpful. Some resources can be printed off as homework. Some staff reps voiced they prefer devices be kept in classroom due to logistics and devices not being available in the classroom is more problematic (students often leave at home, damaged / lost / stolen.) Dr.

Merriweather voiced concern over devices not making it back to school for MAP testing (as an example.) Sutton does not have enough computer carts. We need \$40k towards computer carts to be fully stocked. Dr. Merriweather suggested a Google survey to parents to get feedback because he is hearing split preferences. There are concerns over equity issues and making sure that students have support of online tutoring or tutorial videos. Idea of checking out devices for homework was discussed. Teacher survey indicated that 60.5% were interested in classroom device carts and 39.5% not interested. There is a concern that if PTA purchased additional devices, they may not be “owned” by Sutton. Dr. Merriweather suggested we move forward with distributing devices this school year and collect one more year of data (23-24.) If distributed, we may reevaluate 2nd semester if device issues continue (lost, broken, stolen.) Idea of incentivizing taking responsibility and pride in taking care of devices was discussed.

- 5) **Locker Distribution** – Planned for August 23rd
- 6) **Student Town Halls** – Next week. Goal is to be more interactive and sharing more information in a student-friendly way.
- 7) **Leveling** – Taking place this week. Leveling letter was distributed to parents.
- 8) **Items for next agenda** (as requested by Sutton parents) –
Back Packs in classrooms? Review policy.
APS Master Schedule concerns – Noted as not GO Team item.

V. Announcements

- District GO Team Office - Power of Connections GO Team Summit
- Orientation training must be completed by all GO Team members.

VI. Adjournment

Motion made by: **Collins**; Seconded by: **Wismer**

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 6:50pm

Minutes Taken By: **Shauna Achey**

Position: **Acting Secretary for 8/14/23 Meeting Only**

Date Approved: **TBD, Draft for approval 09/05/23**