

**Meeting Minutes** 

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#### Call to order

A meeting of Parkside GO Team was held in the Parkside Conference Room on February 2, 2018 at 7:30 a.m.

#### Attendees

Timmy Foster, Tracy Dubose, Nikki Frazier, Kendra Lee, RM Lathan, Melanie Wagner, Dave King, Keunshea Moore

Members not in attendance Tonya Kearns and Bill Mickler

# Approval of Agenda

- I. Call to order Meeting was called to order by RM Lathan at 7:38 a.m.
- **II.** Action Items

#### a. Approval of Agenda

Agenda sent out 48 hours prior to meeting. Agenda approved unanimously.

### b. Review Jan 31, 2018 LSGT Statement

- We support efforts to ensure the health & viability of strong neighborhood schools serving the needs of all families.
- We support and celebrate our sister schools from the Jackson Cluster in an effort to pursue the greater good for all our children.
- We support Principal Foster and his dedicated efforts to see positive outcomes for all the children at Parkside Elementary.
- We support the Local School Governance system and the empowered role it plays in collaboration with school leadership, the Cluster, the District, and all stakeholders for the benefit of all children.
- MOTION PRESENTED:

Be it so moved that the Parkside Elementary Local School Governance Team respectfully withdraws its support of the January-2018 Attendance Zone Adjustment School-based Solution (SBS) proposal and the associated Flexibility and Innovation Interest Form.

# c. Vote on SBS (Flexibility and Innovation Interest form) pursuant to LSGT Statement

• Moved by Lathan. Seconded by Lee. Unanimously carried.



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#### **III.** Announcements

- 2018-2019 Budget Work Session: Thursday, Feb 8 at 3:30 p.m.
- Next GO Team Meeting: Friday, Feb 16 at 3:30 p.m.

#### **IV.** Public Comment

Associate Superintendent Dr. Emily Massey commented on the importance of following proper SBS procedures, including seeing the SBS through to the first community meeting before making recommendations. Angela King Smith, Chief Engagement Officer for APS, provided guidance on proper SBS procedures, open meeting laws, and GO Team conduct (see attached letter).

## V. Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 a.m.

Kendra Lee

Secretary

February 13, 2018

Date of approval





Parkside Elementary GO Team,

It has been brought to the attention of the APS Charter System and School Governance Office that your team developed and communicated decisions regarding a potential School-based Solution without having a properly noticed and executed meeting.

At the last GO Team meeting (January 26, 2018), your team agreed to move forward with a School-based Solution regarding redrawing boundaries for Parkside Elementary. The memo dated January 31, 2018 reversed that agreement without a vote from the GO Team. Further, you indicated that a special call meeting would occur on February 2, 2018. As per the School Governance Handbook, Article 3 Section 3.1.2 Emergency Meetings, GO Teams must have approval from the District Support Team to have an emergency meeting.

Please understand that we have an obligation and a duty to ensure that all GO Teams operate within the outlined governing laws, policies and our contract with the state. We want our teams to operate in a manner that is effective, efficient, and in the spirit of trust and transparency. In such, be mindful:

- All GO Team meetings must meet the open meetings act requirements including posting of the meeting and meeting in a public space with a quorum is required for any business to be conducted.
- When distributing communications on behalf of the GO Team, please discuss the content of the communication during a public meeting. This allows for all GO Team members, the principal, and the public to be involved in the process.
- The APS GO Team Member Code of Conduct should be maintained at all times. Matters of the GO team may be confidential and protected. Please review and ensure that you understand all items outlined in the code of conduct.
- If there is confusion with the roles and responsibilities of the GO Team, please reach out to the APS Charter System and School Governance Office to answer questions and set expectations.
  - As it relates to this School-based Solution on rezoning, the role of the GO Team was to either approve or deny a recommendation for rezoning. The ultimate decision on rezoning requires district and then Atlanta Board of Education approval.
- Following the initiation of the School-based Solution process, 20 days of community feedback takes place. With future School-based Solutions, we recommend you provide a forum for community feedback before voting on withdrawing your request.

Feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Angela King Smith Chief Engagement Officer Atlanta Public Schools 130 Trinity Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 (404)802-2805 work

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