

Call to order

A meeting of the Sarah Smith Elementary GO Team was held at IC Media Center on 8/7/17. The meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m.

Attendees

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Dr. Michael Forehand
Ms. Elizabeth Cox
Dr. Sherry Riley
Ms. Jana Thomas
Ms. Chiesa Carter
Ms. Laura Troup
Ms. Christina Barnette
Mr. Alfonso Champion
Mr. Robert Sarkissian

Guests: Elizabeth Sharpton, Dawn Dwyer, Christina Gonzalez, Jen Sands, Annie May, Katie Williams

Members not in attendance

Ms. Shirley Smith

Approval of minutes

Previous minutes were approved. Chiesa Carter motioned to approve, Laura Troup seconded.

Reports

- Discussion of officer elections. Christina Barnette moved, Robert Sarkissian seconded new slate of officers. The only change was Christina Barnette taking on the role of secretary for the 2017-2018 school year.
- A standing date will be established for Christina Barnette, Dr. Forehand, and Elizabeth Cox to meet and plan the agenda prior to meetings.
- A vote to remove Shirley Smith from her Go Team role was made. Dr. Forehand motioned, Laura Troup seconded. Shirley Smith was removed from the Go Team.
- Replacement member and rules were discussed. The open position is the Community Representative. A list of people who had previously submitted their names as interested

in joining the Go Team was shared with the group. Members of the GO Team will bring possible names to the next meeting

- Meeting schedule for the 2017-2018 school year was set. The following Mondays were set as GO Team meetings: 9/11/17, 10/2/17, 11/13/17, 12/4/17, 1/8/18, 2/12/18, 3/5/18, 4/9/18, 5/14/18. The meetings will be at 3:15 p.m. at the IC Media Center.

GO Team Satisfaction Survey:

- Areas of improvement
 - sticking to the agenda
 - length of meetings
 - seeking more input from stakeholders
 - inform stakeholders what we are working on. *Members will encourage people to read eblasts and attend meetings
 - Teachers may not feel as comfortable being open
- Good news: According to Noletha High, we were serving as a model GO Team for the district. She stated that we were able to agree to disagree, but always kept students as the focus.
- Dr. Forehand discussed the following comments from the survey:
 - *Disconnectedness in the Leadership Team:* Dr. Forehand recognizes that. He feels good about our new addition, Rebecca Pruitt. She has a strong background in both curriculum and instruction.
 - *Sharing strategic plan-*Dr. Forehand recognizes that all of the groups may have not had the information and that last year was a learning curve. Dr. Forehand is making sure all communication is shared through the proper channels.
 - Dr. Forehand received a nice compliment that his arguments are grounded in research and is a strong leader.
 - Budget process will improve this year as we learned a lot from last year's experience.
 - *Promoting positive academic learning environment-*it was stated that he should work collaboratively with the teachers. Dr. Forehand agrees and states that last year was a transition year with a lot of changes that were set to occur prior to his arrival.
 - Dr. Forehand advocates for all student groups.
 - He agrees that his hands were tied in many decisions
 - *Sometimes teachers feel out of the loop-*Dr. Forehand states that communication will be direct and consistent
 - He wants everyone to feel that their ideas were validated

Public Comment:

- Do we get everything done in these meetings or do things occur "behind the scenes?"
- Check dual immersion for resources for new team member.

