

## Call to order

A meeting of the Sarah Smith Elementary GO Team was called to order at the Sarah Smith Intermediate Campus on Wiecua Road on October 15, 2018 at 3:15 pm.

## Attendees

GO Team:

Emily Boatright

Katy Barnes

Jennifer Sand

Ellie Boydston

Debbie DuBois

Sherry Thurston Riley

Robert Sarkissian

Chris Pirouz

Robin Ortale

Is there are quorum present? Circle or highlight **Yes** or No

## Approval of agenda and minutes

Agenda - Robert Sarkissian motioned to approve the agenda. Debbie Dubois seconded the motion. All members of the GO Team voted in favor.

Minutes for Sept Meeting and Sept. Working Session - Debbie Dubois motioned to approve the minutes. Chris Pirouz seconded the motion. All members of the GO Team voted in favor.

## Discussion

Principal's Report

- Vertical Planning is taking place at both campuses - what does the student profile look like at the end of K-1-2 and 3-4-5 on first day back from break. Bridge between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> - more work to be done on that as the year goes along.
- A number of people attended IB training over fall break.
- STAR Testing starts October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Trying to come up with a user-friendly way for teachers to execute this.
- Benchmark Assessments - getting ready to start in 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>. Still determining what to do for benchmarks for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. There won't be testing for Kindergarten.

### GO Team Summit Recap

- Very worthwhile - those who attended learned a lot
- Team Building
- Data and Analysis portion was great - explained what is available on website. Chris provided a summary of data and trends around SRS. Pulled one school comparison.

### Sub Committee Formation

- At the summit they spoke about how each GO Team should have a Family Engagement Advisory Committee in place by the end of the year. Katy has reviewed the framework and toolkit provided. This is not a big need for our school, but in order to meet the requirement, we will attempt to execute this.
- Emily has already picked Option 3 for the model for this advisory committee.
- Action: Between now and next meeting, put together a list of the people on the Steering Committee who will also be on this committee.

### Cluster Advisory Team Update

- Three additional meetings this year, but the one this week was canceled.
- Discussed major priorities for the year:
  - 1) IB - align implementation. More teacher training for IB
  - 2) Vertical Alignment talk - how do we engage between elementary, middle and high schools.
  - 3) Can we move away from STAR and start using a new math/ELA/Reading assessment - MAP (Measure of Academic Progress). Will give us the same screener info, but is more of a diagnostic and show more of a progression.

### Security Transportation Update

- Robert sent a letter to the city - Department of Public Works - and they are going to look into our concerns. Action - Robert will follow up and report at next meeting.
- Elizabeth is working on crossing guard volunteers, but has had no responses. She is going to do a more aggressive outreach.
- Can we post the job on something more local like Nextdoor. Action - Emily will ask Officer Neufeld to write up a job description and we will get it posted.

Other - Elizabeth Cox sent in a summary of the NAPPS Meeting from October. Her notes are as follows:

- The panel talked a lot about the APS budget, property tax and where the money comes from. The APS CFO gave some pretty detailed explanations about how the overall city tax base get allocated. The biggest problem is that the property tax digest has been wrong for a while. Some people were paying way too much and others were paying way too little—or

nothing. Fixing this has to be a priority. Once this is done, fixing the digest for commercial property must be addressed.

- State Senator Jen Jordan shared the info from a bill she sponsored that passed and is now on the ballot for approval from the electorate. It basically increases the homestead exemption for homeowners from \$30,000 to \$50,000 until 2021. She worked closely with APS to come up with this solution and they are in favor of its passage. It offers some tax relief to homeowners while protecting the school budget.
- Everyone should vote according to their own convictions, but the general consensus from everyone on the panel was to vote YES on this ballot initiative.

### Strategic Planning Discussion

Discussion took place on the School Priorities in the four areas of the strategic plan. The GO Team preliminarily aligned on the following:

- Academic Program
  1. Embed a data-driven, multi-tier system of support to ensure that all students achieve a year or more of growth in Math and ELA.
  2. Develop a literate community in which students read and write with clarity and fluency across the curriculum.
  3. Offer a rigorous curriculum with an enhanced focus on the integration and application of math, science, and technology.
  4. Create a well-rounded curriculum that develops the whole child by providing more exposure to and appreciation of the Arts and social-emotional learning.
- Talent Management
  1. Offer authentic and diverse professional learning experiences to increase teacher efficacy.
  2. Develop a faculty/staff base that serves the diverse needs of the school.
- Systems and Resources
  1. Cultivate a global learning community that cohesively aligns our school's systems and resources with the IB curriculum and supports our diverse population.
  2. Optimize and acquire resources to prepare our students to be 21<sup>st</sup> century learners.
- Culture
  1. Create a school-wide culture of high expectations, trust, and strong communication.
  2. Foster an active and engaged school community that encourages inclusion of all stakeholders

Action - Emily will be working on the School Strategies between now and the November GO Team meeting. The plan is to have a discussion and vote then.

## Public Comment

No public in attendance to comment.

## Chairperson Announcements

Go Team Meeting is Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> - location is still TBD, but it will most likely be in the Data Room again. No December meeting; meeting at end of January (28<sup>th</sup>).

Chris Pirouz motioned to end meeting. Debbie Dubois seconded. The entire GO Team was in agreement. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Robin Ortale

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Secretary

Date of approval