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# Call to order

A meeting of **King Middle School’s GO Team** was held at **King Middle School** on **January 19, 2017. Meeting was called to order at 4:50pm.**

# Attendees

Paul Brown, Principal

Shevan Howard, Chair

Courtney Montague, Vice Chair & Community Representative

Bevin Carpenter, Community and Cluster Representative

Jeffrie Keith, Parent Representative

Bodicia Ridley, Teacher Representative

Lynette Marrs-Burks, Teacher Representative

Shirley McCullough, Secretary

Karlief Legend, Parent Representative

District Representative: Kathy Rollings, GO Team Office

Members not in attendance

Alexis Johnson, Parent Representative

**Quorum is present**

# Approval of Agenda

Chair asked that everyone take a minute to review the agenda for the meeting and asked for a motion to accept

Ms. Montague motioned to accept agenda

Mr. Legend seconded

All were in favor

# Approval of Minutes

Chair asked that everyone take a minute to review the minutes from previous meeting

Mr. Legend motioned to accept the minutes

M. Keith seconded

All were in favor

# Discussion Item

Review of the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan

* Academic priorities Reading ELA and Math
* SWD in all areas
* Increase rigor in all areas through implementation of IB strategies
* Identify and address academic concerns
* Positive and safe environment for all
* Increase % of students at developing by 2019 in ELA and Math
* Increase % of SWD in areas of Reading/ELA and Math
* Increase parent participation by 30%
* Decrease number of students with 6 or more absences

Priorities for the Budget

* Additional paraprofessionals
* Professional training
* Additional teachers in LC
* Dual certified teachers
* Accelerated math and possibly ELA courses
* Professional development for content teachers geared towards working with SWD

Chair asked that we consider the following as we move towards the budget presentation:

Priorities

Strategies

Requests

Funding Sources

Mr. Brown presentation of budget

The template that was presented was not totally accurate so he did not want to provide a hard copy but asked that we keep an open mind.

Mr. Brown displayed information via LCD

Class size is based on 33 students to a class in middle school

Enrollment projection is 692 students and we have earned 22 teachers

* Connections – 8 teachers

Mr. Brown explained that if we leave the budget as is, we would have used 99% of budget on staffing alone—not to include professional development, or any of the other priorities.

Mr. Legend asked if there would be a loss of any instructional personnel

Mr. Brown stated that we have used all funds if we decide to maintain all staff members. He stated he must look at student achievement and student safety. There will be a loss of staff but he is attempting not to affect student instruction.

Ms. Montague asked if the budget would include general, flex and all other funds.

Mr. Brown answered yes and there are other budget concerns such as IB requirements.

The district has a deficit and there are some things going on and there may still be changes until budget is approved-June 30th.

What can we put off and what can we keep? We are going to have to cut staffing in some areas.

A parent asked if some of the paraprofessional were *hired with certain skills*.

Mr. Legend stated that we are also working with what we have and due to budget constraints, and cannot bring in new personnel.

A parent asked if paraprofessionals were on all levels.

Mr. Brown informed that they are on all levels for SWD but on 6th and 8th for general education because we have CREATE teachers on 7th (1/2 grant-funded positions).

From priority list, principal asked if we could identify those things that we would like to keep in consideration. He suggested that we table the suggestions for additional staff because we do not have funds to even keep the current staff.

Parent asked for more clarity on the dual certification suggestions. Mrs. Ridley explained the suggestion that she had made. Mr. Brown further explained the reason for the areas of focus being due to the Milestone testing content areas on 6th and 7th grade.

Within the budget, we need to build a cushion because if we do not reach our enrollment, we may lose staff.

Presentation was concluded.

Mr. Howard went through each item that was suggested to vote on which the team felt should still be considered.

* Additional paraprofessional:

Opposed until budget permits

* Professional development training of paraprofessional

All in favor

* Additional teachers with dual certification

All opposed until budget allows

* Accelerated math course

All in favor

* PD for content teachers for SWD

All in favor

Mr. Brown summarized: the board suggested professional development that address dual certification, paraprofessionals and focus on SWD. Mr. Brown shared that we will also have student teachers to assist.

Ms. Montague made suggestion that we prioritize the list.

Next budget meeting is January 30th

Ms. McCullough asked for clarification of the time for the meeting being that this meeting was at 4:30 and regular meeting was at 6pm.

A vote was taken to move the time to 5pm to allow for ample time to address budget.

A parent asked additional questions about the accelerated math class and how it would affect high school credit.

Chair asked for a motion to adjourn

Mr. Legend motion and Mrs. Ridley seconded

All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm

# *Unfinished business*

N/A

# New business

N/A

# Announcements

N/A

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| Shirley McCullough |  | 01/30/2017 |
| Secretary |  | Date of approval |