

SUTTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Date: **October 3, 2023**

Time: **5:30 p.m.**

Location: **Sutton Middle School Northside Campus**

Recording: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1I9KVOCKcGx-INBUTVJxTtCZo8WcQ50Tn/view>

- I. Call to order: 5:43 pm
- II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Dr. Dominique Merriweather	Present
Parent/Guardian	Shauna Achey	Present via zoom
Parent/Guardian	Laura Collins	Present
Parent/Guardian	Tania Wismer	Present via Zoom
Instructional Staff	DeMarkius Lamar	Present
Instructional Staff	Shelly Riddle	Present
Instructional Staff	Antoine Edwards	Present
Community Member	Ana Flores	Present via Zoom
Community Member	Fran Egan	Present
Swing Seat	Charneka Jones	Present

Quorum Established: **Yes**

III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: **Egan**; Seconded by: **Edwards**
 Members Approving: All
 Members Opposing: None
 Members Abstaining: None
Motion Passes
- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes from September 5, 2023 meeting:** *List amendments to the minutes: None*
 Motion made by: **Riddle**; Seconded by: **Lamar**
 Members Approving: All
 Members Opposing: None
 Members Abstaining: None
Motion Passes

IV. Discussion Items

a. Discussion Item 1: Continuous Improvement Plan Presentation

i. Current Strategic Plan (see slides from meeting)

1. **SMART GOALS**
2. **APS Strategic Priorities and Initiatives**
3. **School Strategic Priorities**
4. **School Strategies**
 - a. Shifted intervention “What I Need”
intervention/enrichment block to Connections ELA and MATH

ii. Continuous Improvement Plan

1. **Literacy**
2. **Numeracy**
3. **Whole Child & Intervention**
4. **SMART GOALS**
 - a. By May 2024, student performance will increase on the ELA GMAS EOG assessment by 3% in all subgroups. Progress Monitoring Measure: MAP, Amplify, Teacher Data trackers, exit slips, walkthrough data/learning walks, data talks, etc.
 - b. By May 2024, student performance will increase on the Math GMAS EOG assessment by 3% in all subgroups. Progress Monitoring Measure: MAP, Amplify, Teacher Data trackers, exit slips, walkthrough data/learning walks, data talks, etc.
 - c. By the Spring 2024 assessment, students with an elevated risk on the behavioral and emotional risk index (BERI) from the fall, will decrease by 3%. Monitoring Measures: BASC-3 screener, attendance data, small group pre- and post-assessment, and Care Team Data Tracker
5. **Action Steps** for achieving 3% increase, additional action steps for subgroup populations. Dr. Merriweather highlighted the tiered approach to additional ELA and Math instruction for students who need it.
 - a. Focus on goal setting, reflection and targeted instruction with differentiation to give students what they need.

iii. Continuous Improvement Plan and Strategic Plan Alignment

1. **Discussion on CIP Goals –**
 - a. Egan mentioned that it was great to focus on underperforming, but should we focus on improvement

- for all students? Focus on preparation for high school. She also brought up looking at the DLI students as well.
- b. Achey agreed that there is room for improvement for all students and time for more differentiation in classroom.
 - c. Dr. Merriweather highlighted differentiation in Math and ELA – targeted personalized learning on Fridays to remediate and also to accelerate with standards above grade level. Riddle emphasized how helpful the Flex days implemented by the District have been.
 - d. Egan asked about possibility of implementing a school book club.
 - e. Update to the Strategic Plan: 3% growth for ALL subgroups, including DLI.
 - f. Egan requested DLI data performance for next meeting.
- b. **Discussion Item 2:** [MAP Data: Spring 2023 to Fall 2023 \(see slides for detailed results\)](#)
- i. **District Spring 2023 MAP data**
 - ii. **Sutton Spring 2023 MAP data**
 - 1. High level overview of all grades as well as subgroups. White subgroup continues to be significantly higher than other subgroups. 6th graders performing better than 7th and 8th graders. Dr. Merriweather is working on vertical planning with elementary schools so that Sutton can learn from what they are doing.
 - iii. **Sutton Fall 2023 MAP Data**
- c. **Discussion Item 3:** [Discussion Follow Up on sub-group performance and needs for subgroups based on data from MAP and Milestones testing](#)
- i. Given striking difference in performance of 6th graders versus 7th and 8th graders, Collins commended the idea of working with the elementary schools. Dr. Merriweather also wondered if some of the difference might be a result of learning losses as a result of COVID for the 7th and 8th graders since the 6th graders were younger and may have made up more of the necessary foundational skills. Lamar reinforced this idea based on what he is seen in the classroom. Achey highlighted the idea of differentiation and wondered if increased flexibility in elementary schools allows for increased differentiation. Riddle commented on how valuable the flex days from the district have been in terms of differentiating and being able to use data strategically and Lamar emphasized that as well. Dr. Merriweather highlighted how valuable the flexibility to give students what they need is and is curious to see how added supports will impact the results over the next few years.

V. Information Items

a. Principal's Report

- i. Have spent about \$90,000 for Broadcasting equipment - production and broadcasting equipment for both campuses.
- ii. Have about \$90,000 left in leveling reserve money which can support work on raising performance by 3% across all subgroups.

b. Cluster Advisory Team Report (Tania Wismer).

- i. Wismer reported that the Cluster Advisory Team carried over goals from last year so that they can really dig in to those.

VI. Public Comment

- a. Sign up was available in advance through a Google Form on Sutton's GO Team website but nobody signed up.

VII. Announcements

- a. Egan praised faculty and staff for the awesome 7th and 8th grade dance. She also mentioned that sometimes by third lunch, the cafeteria has run out of food. Dr. Merriweather will follow up on that.
- b. Dr. Merriweather announced that the school is working on planning a dress up as a favorite character day. Tie into literacy and students will share IB Learner Profiles exhibited by their characters on Character Day. Will communicate same presentation given to students to parents as well so that rules and limitations are clear (no weapons, masks, etc.).
- c. Next GO Team meeting is at 5:30 pm on November 14, 2023. It will be in person with a virtual link.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Egan](#); Seconded by: [Riddle](#)

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 6:52 p.m.

Minutes Taken By: [Laura Collins](#)

Position: [Secretary](#)

Date Approved: [TBD, Draft for approval 11/14/2023](#)