

Grady High School GO Team

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 30, 2017

Location: Computer Center, Grady High School

Attendees: Blankenship, Bockman, Brandhorst, Bray, Brewer, Cramer, Damiani, Herrera, Kinard, Styles

Guests: Hollis, Barnes (Instructional Coaches), Ben Bizot (Grady Southerner), Kelly Redman (APS Budget Rep)

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** The meeting agenda was approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the January 19, 2017 Budget Feedback meeting were properly presented and approved unanimously (Herrera - motion; Brandhorst - 2nd).

4. FY18 Budget Presentation and Approval:

Byron Barnes, Instructional Coach, presented the updated FY18 Budget for approval highlighting the slight changes that were made from the Feedback meeting on January 19. A summary of the changes are:

1. When Grady received the budget from APS, the Signature Program Specialist cluster position was included, which the administration removed because it is a cluster-wide position. Clarification from APS indicates that a portion of the position must be reflected on each cluster school's budget. The updated budget reflects Grady's 1/6th share of that position. The Signature Program Specialist coordinates program rollout, including teacher training to support the signature theme, between the schools and liaisons with the district.
2. The SST position will be funded out of the school's general budget and will include a .5 intervention specialist position and a .5 instructional position (half of their time dedicated to each area). This will allow that staff member to continue to provide much needed support even though that position has been cut by central administration.
3. Dr. Bockman confirmed that the school is gaining an additional Special Education teacher. This is not due to a measurable increase in qualified students but rather providing the personnel that the school qualified for. Currently approximately 9% of the Grady student population qualifies for Special Education.

The Go Team had a few additional discussion points, as follows:

1. Regina Brewer attended the APS budget advisory meeting and provided some input that the Go Team should be aware of as it plans for the FY19 budget cycle:

1. APS is exploring alternate ways of allocating funding including weighted model, amongst others.
2. Other schools did not have as negative a reaction to losing their SST positions. However, most the other schools did not have the dual blow of losing Title funds and the SST position at the same time. Title funds might provide an extra ability to fill that gap.
3. Signature programs across the district are being funded in phases. Some schools might be asked to slow down their implementation process until funding is available (for example, if a school is in their second year of IB rollout, they might be asked to put it off for a year).
2. Does this budget include trailers or any facilities support funds? No, this is operating budget only. Facilities budgets are separate.
3. The Go Team requested that the school personnel keep them informed of issues, shortfalls, or expected changes to the budget as the year progresses. This will allow the Go Team to properly advocate for the school in a timely manner and plan for upcoming years with respect to upcoming budgets.

A motion was properly made (Styles) and seconded (Bray) to approve the FY18 Budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. February Meeting Agenda Development

The February meeting will focus on Facilities and Dr. Sims, along with other APS representatives, have been invited to speak with the Go Team regarding facilities challenges and planning. Sharon Bray will send the information compiled by the previous Local School Council to APS as a starting point for discussion. The Go Team will work to prepare a list of questions to submit ahead of time which will include both short and long term issues. Additionally, the Go Team will explore ways of approaching the discussion such as understanding the long-term implications of not doing the maintenance work now, including future costs for putting off issues. There was also some concern that the school fully understands the scope of plans for the renovation and addition, to ensure any funds expended now (i.e. through the foundation) do not overlap.

The Go Team also briefly discussed the upcoming Cluster Town Hall with Superintendent Carstarphen and whether to prepare questions for that meeting as well. The Go Team will make a statement at the meeting that we will be meeting with Dr. Sims to discuss facilities issues at our next Go Team meeting and is expected to address particular items. The full list will be developed per the information above and include the need for additional trailers, particularly a restroom trailer. Other questions that the Go Team can ask at the meeting include:

1. What Grady cluster plans are or can be fast-tracked now to make a positive difference in the cluster? For example, can cluster field renovations start now?
2. What is being done with the \$13million earmarked for Grady Cluster?

6. Announcements

1. Mario Herrera, one of the teacher representatives on the Go Team, requested a special meeting to address school climate and culture issues. Teachers would be provided a clear avenue for feedback directly to the Go Team. Chair Brewer will work with everyone to find a date that works and is appropriate for the meeting.
2. Principal search Tier 3 interviews will be held on Thursday, February 9 from 9am - 5pm at the APS Center for Learning and Leadership.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:49pm.

Submitted by:

Janet Kinard, Go Team Secretary