



# WARREN T. JACKSON ELEMENTARY GO-TEAM MEETING MINUTES

# Thursday, May 3, 2018, Main Campus Conference Room

- I. Call to Order Zachary White, Chair 3:05 p.m.
  - A. **Roll Call** Vicki McGinty, Secretary All members present except Jesse Shannon, Heather Perry, and Dana Ugwonali, quorum confirmed.

Guests present: Laura Green

- B. Standing motion to approve March 8, 2018 meeting minutes, passed unanimously.
- C. Standing motion to approve May 3,, 2018 meeting agenda, passed unanimously.
- II. Information Items
  - A. **Principal's Report** Principal McBride reported that he had received positive feedback from parents regarding how the Dual Language Immersion decision had been handled by the GO Team, even by those who felt that the vote had not gone their way. Mr. McBride stated that there was no budget update.
  - **B. GO Team Elections -** An announcement was made that Laura Green, Duncan Vise, Kesha Payne and Heather Perry were each elected to seats in the recent GO Team election.
  - **C. Principal's Evaluation -** GO Team members were reminded by Mr. White to complete their evaluations of Mr. McBride.
  - **D.** Acknowledgement Outgoing members of the GO Team, Ms. Kennedy and Ms. McGinty, were acknowledged for their service.
- III. Discussion Items
  - A. **Roses and Thorns 2017-18 GO Team** Each GO Team member provided his/her thoughts on what had gone well this year and what could be done better in the future. The following were included:

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### **Roses:**

- The members all did their due diligence in making difficult decisions with no preconceived positions.

- The GO Team continues to build credibility and the community is beginning to understand what the GO Team is and how it works.

- The GO Team had great members who were working for the good of the students, not for their own agendas.

# Thorns:

- At times it became difficult to keep the focus on the "position" and not the "person" when making budget decisions that might affect personnel.

- The open forum and public comment formats bring the potential for "piling on" and also tend to allow the loudest in the community to be heard, which does not necessarily represent the majority.

# Suggestions going forward:

- Name tags could be printed for the GO Team (as well as PTA Board and Foundation) so parents at events can put names with the faces of individuals who serve in these capacities.

- Because guests do not speak at GO Team meetings, the GO Team could be proactive in reaching out to people (parent, teacher, or administrator) with relevant knowledge on issues being discussed and ask them to come to a meeting to provide a report on the issue.

- B. **Meeting Structure for 2018-19 -** The Team felt that the meeting structure used for 2017-18 had worked well and will continue to use this structure.
- C. **Family Engagement** The GO Team agreed that they would continue to brainstorm regarding how to get families engaged and to be transparent in their decision making.
- **D. 2018-19 GO Team Officers -** The GO Team will vote on officers during the first meeting of the 2018-19 school year.

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- V. Public Comment There was no public comment at this meeting.
- VI. Action Items
  - A. **Meeting Schedule -** The GO Team agreed that the Team will continue to meet the first Thursday of every month. The following meeting schedule was approved unanimously:
    - August 2 September 6 October 4 November 1 December 6 January 10 February 7 March 7 April 11 (\*if needed) May 2

VII. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 pm.

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