# Call to order

A meeting of the GO Team for Sarah Smith Elementary was held at the IC Media Center on October 02, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Cox at 3:15pm.

# Attendees

Attendees included:

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| Michael Forehand | Elizabeth Cox | Jana Thomas | Robert Sarkissian |
| Christina Barnette | Laura Troup | Sherry Riley | Chiesa Carter |
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# Members not in attendance

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

# Approve Meeting Agenda and Previous Minutes

Minutes approved? Circle or highlight Yes or No

Robert Sarkissian moved and Cheisa Carter seconded to approve the minutes of the August GO Team meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

# Discussion/Information/Action Items

1. Blue Heron Nature Reserve (BHRN): Kevin McChuley, Connie York and Amy Zvonar presented opportunities to partner with BHRN. They plan to connect the nature trail from BHRN on Roswell Rd to the Primary Campus. BHRN currently partners with the second grade team and visits their classrooms a couple of times each year to enhance the life sciences curriculum. Last year they also partnered with the gifted teachers and taught a beaver program as part of the wetlands curriculum. BHRN would like to expand these programs to more grades and create a stonger relationship with Sarah Smith. BHRN proposed coming to our school ($45 per class/instructor), offering field trips to BHRN ($10/child) or participating in Smith After School extracurricular program offerings. BHRN is hosting a tree decorating contest on December 9th and entries will be accepted through the end of November.
2. Chairperson Update: Elizabeth Cox will represent our GO Team in the APS GO Team Facebook working group. This Wednesday she will attend the school-based solutions training. Elizabeth will send the GO Team a link to 2 required trainings. All members need to complete these trainings by our next meeting. Elizabeth will also attend the regular steering committee meetings with the PTA, SSEF and Dr. Forehand. We discussed hosting a GO Team coffee chat with no more than three GO Team members present.
3. New Community GO Team Member: Dr Forehand provided informational sheets on 5 candidates. Elizabeth Cox suggested we ask a representative from the BHNR to join the GO Team as a community member. The team decided to postpone reviewing the candidates until our next meeting and incuding a candidate from BHNR, if they are interested.
4. Principal Update: The school theme this year is “Defying Gravity.”
* Dr. Forehand selected six teachers to go to a technology conference. Learnings from the conference will help the administration determine how to best spend the $50,000 SSEF technology budget.
* 45 teachers are currently taking Orton-Gillingham training. Nearly 100% of our teachers will be Orton-Gillingham trained.
* SRS Great Schools rating increased to 9 out of 10.
* Dr. Forehand hired a new Kindergarten and 4th grade teacher. The 4th grade teacher will push-in rather than creating a new class. Average class sizes are: K-22, 1st-23, 2nd-23, 3rd-25, 4th-30, 5th-26. Total enrollment is 974.
* SRS is rolling out a new SSEF-funded phonics program called Fundations for K and 1st grade. Second grade will continue with only Orton Gillingham. Students in older grades will use Just Words (a Fundations sister program.)
* SSEF purchased the Shirley grammar program for 2nd and 3rd grade teachers.
* The television studio is now live and being run by the students.
* New parent coffee was held a couple of weeks ago. Principal chat will be at Urban Cookhouse on 10/17 at 11:30am.
* Dr Forehand and the ESOL staff visits with our hispanic families on Friday nights to encourage involvement.
* Eureka Math parent workshop was held a few weeks ago and recorded. Another Eureka workshop will be held on 11/2.
* Dr. Forehand has requested proof of residence from 35-50 families. So far, 15 children have withdrawn because they are out of district. Another round of 20 families suspected of being out of district will be contacted.
* SRS breakdown is: 20% Hispanic, 19% African American, 48% white, 6% two or more races, 7% Asian
* SRS ESOL breakdown is: K – 26, 1st – 29, 2nd – 31, 3rd -17, 4th -17 (7 being monitored), 5th – 15 (11 being monitored). Active ESOL students = 135, down from 150 at the beginning of the year.
* Dr. Forehand formed IB, Math and Reading advisory teams. The IB team is implementing ways to visually enhance IB at the school, creating central agreements for classrooms, reviewing the 2104 IB assessment feedback, and maintaining transdisciplinary teaching across teams.
* Gifted collaboration model will be implemented in grades K-2 next year.
1. Strategic Plan Review: Dr. Forehand suggested narrowing down the number of key performance measures and changing school strategy #2B from “math exemplars” to “conceptual understanding of math.” Due to time constraints, we will further review the key performance measures at the next meeting.

# Public Comment

* A suggestion was made to reach out to super star supporters for the open community member position.
* A comment was made that other schools provide para-professionals for 1st grade teachers.
* A comment was made that some classes do not seem equally balanced. The speaker’s child has been in classes that are heavily populated with special education and ESOL push-in/pull-out.

# Announcements and Adjournment

Elizabeth Cox adjourned the meeting at 5:00pm.

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| Christina Barnette |  | October 2, 2017 |
| Secretary |  | Date |