

Call to order

A meeting of the Sarah Smith Elementary GO Team was called to order at the Sarah Smith Intermediate Campus on Wicua Road on February 4, 2019 at 3:20 pm.

Attendees:

GO Team:

Emily Boatright

Katy Barnes

Jennifer Sand

Ellie Boydston

Debbie DuBois

Sherry Thurston Riley

Robert Sarkissian

Robin Ortale

Chris Pirouz

Elizabeth Cox

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

Approval of agenda and minutes

Agenda - Debbie Dubois motioned to approve the agenda. Robert Sarkissian seconded the motion. All members of the GO Team voted in favor.

Minutes for November Meeting - Chris Pirouz motioned to approve the minutes. Robert Sarkissian seconded the motion. All members of the GO Team voted in favor.

Discussion Items

Item #1 - Update on Traffic and Crossing Guard

- We have approval for a second crossing guard who has been at the Intermediate Campus in the morning. However there is no one in the afternoon. Mr. Piacentino is picking up the afternoon.
- Also concerned about significant rise in crime in our area and Emily has made that known and asked for assistance especially due to our proximity to Lenox and other major streets.
- Researching ways to make carpool and traffic more efficient. Will continue to explore and work on this.
- Howard Shook indicated that there will be some road repairs and sidewalk maintenance on Old Ivy and Wieuca.
- Robert waiting to hear back about signaling. Many lights in Buckhead will be updated with new technology, but that doesn't impact us and that is their focus at the moment.

Item #2 - Technology Policy

- Have talked with many different groups (SSEF, teachers, parents, etc.) and have decided that we need to have guidance around the use of technology since we are making significant investments into it.
- Putting together a cross-functional team to work on some kind of a policy that will have guidelines, accountability, curriculum, etc. We need to bring together a group of people from all different areas of Sarah Smith along with experts.
- 5th grade created something that can be referenced, but it only addressed Chromebooks.
- If everyone is in agreement that we have this need, we will vote during next meeting and then move forward with the committee.

Item #3 - Budget Planning for 2019-2020

- Emily presented the Budget Development Process Presentation.
- Emily thinks that we have a good budget to work with this year and the numbers are accurate.
- Emily would like the GO Team to prioritize all of our priorities. At the next meeting, we will get more detailed breakout on how we are spending against our priorities. But the detail will not be down to every last cent we are spending (i.e. small things that are essential to running the school - copy paper for example).
- Emily wants to make sure we are student centered and student focused in everything we do around the budget planning.
- The GO Team prioritized the strategies in the following order:
 - #1 - Embed a data driven multi-tier system of support to improve all subgroup performance in Math and ELA.
 - #2 - Develop a literate community in which students read and write with clarity and fluency across the curriculum.
 - #3 - Optimize and acquire resources to prepare our students to be 21st century learners.
 - #4 - Offer a rigorous curriculum with an enhance focus on the integration and application of math, science, and technology.
 - #5 - Create a well-rounded curriculum that develops the whole child by providing more exposure to and appreciation of the Arts and social-emotional learning.
 - #6 - Develop a faculty/staff base that serves the growing language needs of the school.
 - #7 - Offer authentic and diverse professional learning experiences to increase teacher efficacy.
 - #8 - Foster an active and engaged school community that encourages inclusion of all stakeholders.

- #9 - Cultivate a global learning community that cohesively aligns our school's systems and resources with the IB curriculum and supports our diverse population.
- #10 - Create a school-wide culture of high expectations, trust, and strong communication.

Principal's Report

- Update on School Logo/Mascot -
 - Emily is aware that we need a unified brand for our school.
 - She is meeting with consultants to explore this.
 - Goal is to have something decided by the end of this school year.
- Gifted Model Comments -
 - Last time we met there were some Public comments as well as follow up emails from parents about the changing gifted model.
 - Emily is dedicated to making this a very positive change for all.
 - A lot of it stems from the budget discussions. But when we look at growth, we need to change to the cluster and collaboration model because that will give kids more time of instruction and should improve our achievement.
 - The preliminary look shows that we are moving in the right direction.
 - IB will not bend on this requirement and we have to have the cluster and collaboration model. But other schools are moving toward the same thing and it has nothing to do with IB - it is the best way to achieve growth.
 - Need more consistent co-teaching between gifted teacher and general teacher. Needs to be set up properly for 2019-2020 school year with enriched curriculum instruction.
 - We are in the last year of a grant that will get more teachers certified with Gifted training for free through the CaseNex program. Currently there are 31 remaining slots and Emily and Jessica are having a lot of teachers sign up for this training to be completed this year. The program consists of three 10-week sessions.
 - Emily will be communicating with parents - she will be sharing data as to why we are doing what we are doing and also how this will look in the classroom.

Chairperson Announcements

Next Go Team Meeting is February 11, 2019.

GO Team Legislative Workshop is on Tuesday, Feb. 12th at 6:30 - dinner will be served!

NAPPS Meeting is on Wednesday, Feb. 6th at noon at Bolton Academy. The Topic is GO Team and Sarah Smith will be given a few minutes to talk about our GO Team's accomplishments over the last year.

Chris Pirouz motioned to end meeting. Debbie Dubois seconded. The entire GO Team was in agreement. Meeting adjourned at 5:11 pm.

Robin Ortale

Secretary

Date of approval