

Call to order

A meeting of the Sarah Smith Elementary GO Team was called to order at the Sarah Smith Intermediate Campus on Wieuca Road on February 10, 2020 at 3:21 pm.

Attendees:

GO Team:

Emily Boatright

Katy Barnes

Jennifer Sand

Chris Pirouz

Rebecca Blanchette

Robin Ortale

Ed Juline

Sam Jones

Ellie Boydston

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

Action Items

Agenda - Rebecca Blanchette motioned to approve the agenda. Chris Pirouz seconded the motion. All members of the GO Team voted in favor.

Minutes from November Meeting - Rebecca Blanchette motioned to approve the minutes. Ellie Boydston seconded the motion. All members of the GO Team voted in favor.

Discussion Items -

FY 21 Budget Development Presentation by Emily Boatright

- We are on Step 4 of the Development Process - Budget Choices. We will live within our school priorities when we are developing our budget.
- Go Team's role is to focus on the big picture and to make sure that our resources support our key priorities
- Top 2 Priorities are:
 - Embed a data driven multi tiered system of support to improve all subgroup performance in Math and ELA. (White and Hispanic subgroups performing above challenge index, but need to focus on black subgroup)
 - Develop a literate community in which students read and write with clarity and fluency across the curriculum. (Focusing on both fluency and comprehension with lower grades and comprehension with upper grades)
- Proposed budget is \$8,148,412 which is down \$130K from last year

- 901 (down 77 from LY) students projected with \$4586 per student. Biggest class next year is 159 (2nd grade) and lowest is 140 (K). Weighted allocations: 118 kids are in the poverty level (74 LY); 97 students for EIP/REP; Special Education 107 and Gifted 139; ELL 152 students (upped weight) - instead of receiving a credit of .1, they bumped up to .15.
- IB Allocation \$232K; \$23K for field trips; dual campus supplement \$330K; district supplement, \$10.2K
- Total FTE allotments - \$14.84K
- Bulk of our funding goes to instruction - 84%; next biggest is admin with 8%,
- Emily will have 1:1 with Mr. Usher on 2/27. Meeting as a cluster to address resource allocation and dates for next year; program mgr. discussions and approvals; GO Team Feedback; Staffing Conferences; Final GO Team Approval at early March meeting .
- Question: What if our enrollment fluctuates? What do we do to prevent hiring, firing, etc.? Emily is hopeful that we will get better info at facilities meeting on the 12th. SRS is one of the fastest growing schools in APS. Looks at a number of different things - housing in the district, etc. Check out facilities presentation on facilities master plan.

<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/cms/lib/GA01000924/Centricity/Domain/4657/Facilities%20Master%20Plan%20Regional%20Community%20Meeting%202%20Presentation.pdf>

Strategic Plan Review - Look at ranking of priorities and decide if anything needs to change. What do we have to maintain and what are we missing.

- Last year's ranking was reviewed and the GO Team collective decided that our priorities are still in line with the strategic plan.
- Rebecca Blanchette made a motion to reapprove the Strategic Plan and Priorities as it stands Jennifer Sand seconded. All GO Team members voted in favor.
- Question: Do you think you can maintain the small class size? Yes - will maintain the same student to teacher ratio. Emily has 3 non-negotiables - class size is one of them. Emily thinks we are starting to see those benefits because STAR scores have improved. Also making better gains in Hispanic students in math. Common planning has also lunch and recess split. We are one of the most diverse schools in APS. Small class size continues to help subgroups get better as well as professional development.
- A lively discussion ensued about how to get parents more involved with the school and supporting their kids as that will help our sub-group performance. Parents are less involved now than they were years ago. Family Engagement Committee can help figure out what is the right thing to do to get the parents engaged. There is not one answer, but we will need to give this a lot of thought.

Information Items -

Principal's Report

- IB Visit - It went really well - Zero matters to be addressed!
- Pre-K - We have applied to be a Pre-K site for next year. We will find out this summer if we are approved. The school board pays the difference in teacher salary so they get same \$ as K-5 teachers - big investment. Emily argued that we are a high need. If we are approved we will start this fall. It would be one class of 20 kids. We will explore making this a DLI Pre-K so that our in-zone students receive priority.
- Special Education - more updates this month with staffing across the district. We are trying get to a place where we can service any child - where every student can be served within the cluster.
- Facilities Report
 - Get engaged with this! Sizemore is coming in and doing a study about who is eligible to attend a school and who actually attends. 2021-2022 redistricting is on the table.
 - Please visit meetings! Wednesday 2/12 from 6-8 at Sutton.
 - 80% and 87% IC and PC - percent usage respectively. Other building that had greater usage was Brandon Primary campus. Down to 68/73 because they created more space in our schools. Best thing to do is attend the meeting. They are saying that 86% of students attending private school are in North Atlanta cluster. Pick a meeting like this to go to and get informed and show that the North Atlanta Cluster and SRS is involved.

Committee Updates

- Katy dug through details and found that we need to revamp some things in each of the two committees.
- Technology - will be a smaller group. Need goals and objective.
- Family Engagement - GO Team member will be chair of this, but no more than three GO Team member can be on the committee.

Chairperson Announcements

- GO Team Declarations are open until February 28th. Elections are in April after spring Break. If we check list and we don't have enough people, we will reach out to more. We can encourage people to run.
- NAPPS Sutton meeting February 26th at 6:00 and DLI cluster meeting prior. GO Team Meeting principal round table is here at Sarah Smith on March 18th.
- Next GO Team Meeting 2/24 and then 3/9. Need to do a special posting to let everyone know it is a budget meeting.
- Gail Johnson is coming to next Principal Coffee, which is February 21st at noon.

Adjournment

Ellie Boydston motioned to end meeting. Rebecca Blanchette seconded. The entire GO Team was in agreement. Meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm.

Robin Ortale

Secretary

Date of approval