

**Meeting Minutes** 

# 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 October 21, 2019 at 3:17 pm.

# Attendees:

GO Team:		
Emily Boatright	Katy Barnes	Jennifer Sand
Chris Pirouz	Rebecca Blanchette	Robin Ortale
Debbie Dubois	Ed Juline	Sam Jones

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

#### **Action Items**

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

Minutes from September 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting - Jennifer Sand motioned to approve the minutes. Debbie Dubois seconded the motion. All members of the GO Team voted in favor.

Family Engagement Advisory Committee -

- Last year we established the Steering Committee as the Family Engagement Committee. It was all voted on and approved.
- This year, the GO Team department really wants this committee to become a functioning part of the GO Team.
- Committee needs to have a chair and it needs to be someone from the GO Team. No more than 3 GO Team members can be on the committee. The committee needs goals, objectives, and a timeline
- Meetings need to be run like the GO Team meetings open to the public, have minutes taken, cannot meet during school hours, etc.
- Ms. Copeland from the APS office is going to come to speak with us on how this committee should function at our school.
- Katy opened it up for nominations for chair of the Advisory Committee and Chris Plrouz volunteered to chair the committee.
- Ed Juline and Katy Barnes volunteered to also be on the committee.
- Katy made a motion to approve Chris Pirouz as chair of the committee. Debbie Dubois seconded the motion. All GO Team members voted in favor.



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• Rebecca Blanchette motioned for Ed Juline and Katy Barnes to be committee members. Chris Pirouz seconded. All GO Team members voted in favor.

### Information Items -

#### Principal's Report

- Technology Update -
  - Last week a parent sent Emily an email about technology security and this started a conversation about how information is accessible from the outside. Are we potentially exposing our kids through My Backpack and Google Classroom, etc?
  - Background:
    - When APS decided to work with Google, they proposed a revised agreement and said what they want from the account Student privacy was the number one concern.
    - No Gmail accounts are given to students everything is an APS account through Outlook. Email accounts are complicated as well as passwords.
    - The Data Info Group (DIG) has a standard agreement for data sharing as an added layer of protection. If Emily wants to access any info, she has to be on an APS server or go through a very complicated path to get there. A lot goes through My Backpack, which is single server sign on and makes things more secure.
  - At the moment, Emily is still fact finding as to whether our technology agreement even needs to have a consent piece as part of it. She has been speaking with Roanna Washington and Aleigha Henderson-Rosser who work for APS in Instructional Technology
  - We will eventually need to get the Technology Committee involved. And depending on what APS tells us, we may have to revise our current agreement and decide if parents need to opt into our instruction program or maybe we simply have something that is more of an acknowledgement about our program.
- Facilities Meeting
  - $\circ$  Emily attended the meeting at Sutton on 10/16.
  - The meeting reviewed the slideshow that Emily sent to the GO Team. She also sent the map of where the schools are located which needs to be laid over the demographic maps.
  - APS does not want empty schools and they also need to make sure they build where the population is growing.
  - Alvah Hardy, Executive Director of Facilities, thinks that the North Atlanta Cluster is over our population bump, but Emily respectfully disagrees. For middle and high

GOTE school weare still growing in our cluster - North Atlanta is at 210 Fight now with S 2300 as their capacity: Sutton is at 1700 now and not sure of the capacity. STRONG SCHOOLS START WITH ME!

- Cluster Capacity came up and also the importance of schools to their community was discussed. But it is very expensive to run an under enrolled school.
- $\circ$  There is no impact to SRS yet this is the first round of review.
- $\circ~$  SRS has 900+ kids still one of the larger elementary schools. Our class size is nice and small, though.
- If you go to the Let's Talk page on APS website, there is a place to give feedback.
- DLI
  - Brand new Para-pro in 1<sup>st</sup> grade class.
  - Need a new Para-pro in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class because ours took a full time job elsewhere.
    Considering a new candidate for that position
  - Classes in K, 1 and 2 are fully enrolled
  - Something to consider How do we showcase our growling bilingual students?
- GATE
  - At PC we are moving along nicely. Almost finished with assessments. Karen White, PC GATE teacher, is working on pushing out a choice board and tying into IB.
  - $_{\odot}$   $\,$  Defining what this program means to SRS so that the program outlasts the current teachers.
- Greatschools.org
  - We are only a 6 out of 10 on greatschools.org. We had a couple of low achievement years in the past and data is not current. We score low on equity and low-income families.
    - When new CCRPI comes out and the data on the site is updated, we should start to see an upturn. This will take a little while to update, but hopefully by end of school year, our numbers will get better.
    - Some of the reviews are not that positive, so if we get some additional positive reviews, those could really help us. Faculty reviews help as well.
    - GO Team could provide some wording for tour guides to use because they are getting questions about our scores on greatschools.org.

# **Discussion Items**

DIG team is coming out for next meeting because the new CCRPI scores will be out. Milestone data looked like Star - we grew on the ends (distinguished and developing) and stayed pretty much the same in the middle.

Working session was scheduled for Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 pm in the IC Media Center to dig into the data. This meeting will not be open to the public.



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SNORTH Attanta Cluster Meeting is on 10/24 at 4:00 at the IC in the Science Lab. START WITH ME!

Technology Committee is also on 10/24 at 3:00 at the PC Media Center.

Superintendent Search Community Meeting at Bolton Academy on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.

IB Certification Renewal is moved to 10/28-10/29.

NAPPS Meeting at E Rivers with Dr. Carstarphen at 6:00 pm.

Family Engagement Meeting is 11/16 and it is open to the public and providing different family topics of interest.

APS Table Talks - office of engagement is providing a forum to talk about APS issues. Information came in an email. Please sign up if interested in hosting or attending. Meetings will be held from 10/27-11/3.

Rebecca Blanchette motioned to end meeting. Chris Pirouz seconded. The entire GO Team was in agreement. Meeting adjourned at 4:51 pm.

Robin Ortale

Secretary

Date of approval