

Call To Order

A meeting of the Sarah Smith Elementary GO Team was called to order on a virtual Zoom call on February 22, 2021 at 3:31 pm.

Attendees

Emily Boatright

Jane Bockel

Bejay Osby

Rebecca Blanchette

Ed Juline

Annie May

Katy Barnes

Lane Guyer

Sam Jones

Jennifer Sand

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

Action Items

Agenda – Katy Barnes motioned to approve the agenda. Bejay Osby seconded. All other members voted in favor.

Minutes from January 25th Meeting – Bejay Osby motioned to approve the minutes. Katy Barnes seconded the motion. All other members voted in favor.

Discussion Items

FY '21 Budget Development Presentation

Budget template:

Budget slated to be down 84 students. Went with the more conservative option with enrollment. Dual campus bonus, IB bonus we are just below \$8mil. 84% goes for instruction and 8% for admin (due to having 2 campuses it's a little greater). Budget parameters and priorities really haven't changed. The pandemic interrupted this so priorities maintain the same. Weaknesses: conceptual math is being pushed right where we need it to be but we are falling short in fluency both in early and secondary. Language is also important as we are an IB school.

Plan breakout:

Largest share is again classroom teachers/instruction. Maintain reduced class sizes. EIP has been given its own bucket just for 2022. Maintain French in 1st-5th. We have identified a new parent liaison for next year.

Reserve funds:

Identify 2 additional paras for 3rd-5th DLI (since we have 2 campuses). Hiring teacher-tutors for after school supplemental tutoring. Extra resources for summer.

Planning on a site based virtual option being short term. Unsure if GA Milestones testing will take place.

Wanting to provide a tutoring option like ESOL but open to all students to help them catch up from the pandemic. Want to earmark the money for it because we know we will need something but this will allow us to design what we need later on. We may not know until summer exactly what we need.

If kids move to AVA, do their dollars travel with them? Yes at some point we believe we would lose that \$. (If we lose 10%, we would lose roughly \$400,000).

For next meeting: budget isn't as dire as she initially thought. Biggest piece is that we need as much lead time and planning time as possible. We will have another "first day" on March 22nd after the declarations for the final quarter come in. Whatever the results of the intent to return are, we need to plan well.

Information Items

Cluster Meeting Update (Katy Barnes)

Met on 2/10. Katy sent us all the minutes. Travis Norvell leads. As budget relates: how to deal with enrollment losses. Will we be a 4 or 5 day in person model for the fall? Will we know before private school acceptances are due?

Discussion around district funding for IB to account for population instead of current funding being equal regardless of enrollment. Other discussion topics included how to handle enrollment losses, funding for COVID mitigation, CARES funding and the idea for a district and cluster marketing push to retain those currently enrolled and to attract back those who may have unenrolled.

Not on agenda: GO Team Legislative Workshop on 2/4. Katy attended. Lead by Erica Long - she is our registered APS lobbyist. She's guided by the Atlanta BOE. She went through the priorities and talked about 3 bills, 1 dealing with the vouchers that Emily was talking about. Moving public school funding to private schools. HB 160, HB

Principal's Report

66-68% of kids have returned in person. Simultaneous teaching in all grades except K. Kids are doing a great job wearing their masks. Thought it was going to be a bigger challenge. Trying to provide a break everyday for teachers. We were only given 3 permanent subs at the beginning of the year. We need more. We've been able to hire 3 additional, would like to hire 2 or 3 more. Cassandra and Claudia are helping to identify additional paras, etc. Doing surveillance testing - all negative so far. PTO spent \$11,000 on air purifiers. School bought some as well so we can have them in each classroom.

Announcements

GO Team declaration deadline is 2/28/2021.

Adjournment

Katy Barnes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jen Sand seconded. The entire GOTeam was in agreement. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Jane Bockel

Secretary

3/8/2021

Date of approval