

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 March 9, 2020 at 3:20 pm.

Attendees:

GO Team:

Emily Boatright

Katy Barnes

Jennifer Sand

Chris Pirouz

Rebecca Blanchette

Robin Ortale

Sam Jones

Ellie Boydston

Ed Juline

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

Action Items

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

Minutes from February 24th Meeting - Katy and Emily made an addition to the minutes, which will be updated. Rebecca Blanchette motioned to approve the minutes with the change. Chris Pirouz seconded the motion. All members of the GO Team voted in favor.

Budget Approval Presentation

- The budget presentation is the same as the 2/24 meeting. The positions at Sarah Smith break out as follows:
 - 7 classroom teachers in K-4; 6 classroom teachers for 5th grade
 - 4.5 ESOL teachers
 - 6 Special Education teachers
 - 3 Gifted teachers
 - 2 teachers each in Art, Music, and PE
 - 3 French teachers total - 2 FT, 2PT
 - Media Specialist is being reduced to one with one Paraprofessional
 - 1 Counselor
 - 1 PT tutor - working on skills deficit
 - 1 EIP
 - Nurses are paid hourly
 - Reducing all K Paraprofessionals (paras) from FT to PT (7 positions) - concern over this and that we would lose these paras because of no benefits and reduced pay. Emily

looked at a school that did this in the past, and paras were pretty stable even after this change.

- Admin and staff stays the same
- Questions from the team:
 - Are there any opportunities to get more money in budget? The only place Emily sees additional funds would be because we are getting the Autism Support Unit that is currently at E Rivers is coming here. We will get additional students as a result of this. Not sure about the staffing for this and if the teacher is coming.
 - One media specialist and para - what does this look like? We will pull media and counselor out of specials rotation (which the teachers want because it eliminates doubles). One campus for one week, and then flip. Para pro would be assistant - not the media specialist job responsibilities.
- Jennifer Sand motioned to approve budget. Chris Pirouz seconded. All members voted in favor

Katy wanted to share something to be aware of - Senate Bill 386 - This is the bill that helps kids with disabilities. Takes money they get at public school and applies it for them to use at private school. The new bill would allow students with 504 to be considered for this money. If this passes, it would drive coast up to \$40-90 million. Not a good idea because it is taking funding away from public schools. The way it is being implemented, is this really helping the kids and helping their special needs?

Family Engagement and Communications Advisory Committee Goals and Objectives - will delay approval until next meeting. Katy will share these through email and then we will approve at next meeting.

Discussion Items -

GO Team Reps for Superintendent Search

- Katy received an email from the GO Team office. GO Team is being asked to provide a parent, staff, and community member to participate in a meeting with the finalists for the Superintendent search.
- No time or date for meeting has been set.
- Katy inquired if we can send more than one and answer was unclear.
- Katy needs to submit the names: Chris Pirouz for Community; Ellie Boydston for Staff; Katy Barnes and Jennifer Sand for parents. Robin Ortale and Rebecca Blanchette also offered to go.

Update on GO Team Candidates

- We have enough candidates running in both parent and teacher categories.
- Voting will be in mid April.
- Once we get final list of names from the GO Team office, we will invite parents to PTO meeting on April 15th so that they can introduce themselves. Faculty meeting is on April 14th. We usually post something in teacher room about the candidates and the voting.
- We will post in Eblasts to make sure everyone knows about voting - one vote per HH.

Information Items -

Coronavirus - continue to take precautionary measures -

- Wiping down all often-used surfaces.
- Sent out communication from district level.
- The story is evolving day by day.
- If schools get closed down, they would tend to close all of APS as opposed to just closing one school.

APS Board meeting about the Calendar for 2021-2022

Tabling calendar for now - need to come up with a compromise of the schedule - revised calendar without having weeklong breaks in October and February. APS is trying to find a calendar where we can also give the teachers some breaks. We really need to publish pros and cons of each option for teachers and for kids, so that everyone is aware. There is an education component that needs to take place. This could be something that the Family Engagement Community helps with.

Chairperson Announcements

- NAPPS Meeting is on 3/18 at Sarah Smith at 12:00 noon. This is the GO Team Roundtable meeting and Katy will present on our behalf. We will discuss forming ad hoc committees and what we learned from doing that.
- Next GO Team Meeting is 4/13 at 3:15 pm.

Adjournment

Rebecca Blanchette motioned to end meeting. Chris Pirouz seconded. The entire GO Team was in agreement. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Robin Ortale

Secretary

5/4/2020

Date of approval