

Call to order

A meeting of the Sarah Smith Elementary GO Team was called to order on a virtual Zoom call on May 4, 2020 at 3:19 pm.

Attendees:

GO Team:

Emily Boatright

Katy Barnes

Jennifer Sand

Rebecca Blanchette

Robin Ortale

Ellie Boydston

Ed Juline

Sam Jones

Deb Dubois

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 March 9th Meeting - Rebecca Blanchette motioned to approve the minutes. Robin Ortale seconded the motion. All members of the GO Team voted in favor.

Family Engagement and Communications Advisory Committee

- **Goals and Objectives**
 - Keep community informed on primary GO Team responsibilities. Includes progress on school's strategic plan, budget, and SBS proposals.
 - Participate in the annual school community meeting.
 - Engage community stakeholders by gathering input on any major school initiatives and changes, or proposed SBSs submitted by the GO Team.
 - Conduct a comprehensive school-wide evaluation of current family engagements and communication to identify barriers to and opportunities for growth.
- Vote was held that the GO Team is in agreement with the goals and objectives.
- Jennifer Sand made a motion to approve and Rebecca Blanchette seconded. All GO Team members voted in favor.
- Both committees (this and Technology) have their paperwork complete, and they can both get started.
- Members of the committee include: Principal - Emily, chair of the committee and up to two more GO Team members and whoever else would be beneficial such as our Parent Liaison.

Information Items

Principal's Update

- Staffing - 4 new core teachers - one is Dual Language Immersion (DLI). Still finalizing the DLI 4th Grade teacher candidate. Projections also had us earning another Special Education teacher. Emily is working on that, but special education budget won't be finalized until May or June.
- Budget - COVID-19 will impact APS budget.
 - Because we closed early, we were able to spend forward approx. \$56K to buy resources for next year. We were able to renew existing subscriptions as well as purchase textbooks - 3 guided reading kits for K, 1, and 2.
 - SSEF will be helping to purchase resources and maintain normal programming.
 - Despite the shortfall, next year the district will probably be fine because of taxes, etc. and they are trying to recoup whatever they can from this school year. The district is also potentially pulling back our reserve funding - district set aside some of budget to help with leveling costs - so we are not counting on these funds for our budget for next year.
 - There have been changes to student success formula. This ends up having a net zero impact on our budget, but they did drop down per pupil allotment a little bit. This could have an impact in the future, so Emily will share those \$ amounts with us.
 - How will closure impact our new Pre-K? Right now she still doesn't know anything. It could be that the state doesn't have the money, but we won't know until the summer.
 - Other savings because of closure, i.e. paper, etc.
- Engagement during the Virtual Learning - 93.4% engagement. Emily is very happy with this number. We have 10 families still needing help - one is a connectivity issue - but all have been contacted multiple times. We sent out 130 Chromebooks to the community. Ipads also came in handy for the 1st and 2nd graders. We gave technology out to K families - deviation from district guidance.
 - Very proud of the teachers with keeping up with this.
 - Guidance around grades - from the time of the closure on 3/13, grades cannot go down for students, they can only get better.
 - Summer programming for rising 3rd, 4th, and 5th has been cancelled.
 - Rising 6th grade program may still be able to take place since it is later in the summer.
 - Parent liaison (and also parents and staff members) has been such a blessing to our school.
 - Food delivery meals are all on Monday. Tuesday is grocery delivery. Emily has been going out to check on this. Unfortunately, once school closes, meal and grocery deliveries will stop. Some of parents who rely on this food and may also have transportation issues.
 - Emily reached out to Margaret McKenzie in world languages. She hopes to use Title 3 \$ for some summer learning materials for our ESL students. Emily also purchased some resources for those students to help during the summer months.

- Some SRS parents are also engaging the community - raised almost \$15K to provide all of the needed families with \$100 Publix giftcards. Those parents are also getting more supplies to keep kids engaged.

GO Team Election

The GO Team Elections have been pushed back to August. Everyone who submitted declarations is still in the running. For the GO Team members who are rolling off, terms end June 30th. So we won't have a full GO Team board until the election happens.

Discussion Items -

Superintendent Search

- NAPPS is hosting a call tomorrow at 5 PM via Zoom. It is a Q&A session with Lisa Herring and questions will be asked in real time. We will get this posted to our SRS social media to let parents know about this.
- Lisa Herring is our sole finalist for Superintendent. She still needs to be voted in by the board, and they do need to wait 14 days from the time they announce and the board votes. Plus because of the current limitations, they are giving all stakeholders extra time to get questions answered.

Public Comment

No public comment

Chairperson Announcements

- Next GO Team Meeting - TBD
- Last summer the GO Team did a retreat, so it is something to consider for summer or fall once the new members are voted in.

Adjournment

Rebecca Blanchette motioned to end meeting. Ed Juline seconded. The entire GO Team was in agreement. Meeting adjourned at 3:48 pm.

