

## Call to order

A meeting of the Sarah Smith Elementary GO Team was called to order at the Sarah Smith Intermediate Campus on Wicua Road on November 26, 2018 at 3:19 pm.

## Attendees

GO Team:

Emily Boatright

Katy Barnes

Jennifer Sand

Ellie Boydston

Debbie DuBois

Sherry Thurston Riley

Robert Sarkissian

Robin Ortale

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

## Approval of agenda and minutes

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

Minutes for October Meeting - Robert Sarkissian motioned to approve the minutes. Sherry Riley seconded the motion. All members of the GO Team voted in favor.

## Action Items

### #1 - Review and vote on updated Strategic Plan

- Emily reviewed school strategies to see what still is current for our updated school priorities. She combined certain things that needed to be combined and updated others.
- Some key areas of focus included: Fidelity of implementation with IB, utilizing technologies, implementing Social Emotional Learning, using STAR data, staying true to our language programs (DLI and standard), and overall, making sure we have well-rounded children.
- Key Performance Measures are to increase the scoring by 3% in most measures.
- Debbie recommended adding Family Engagement Advisory Committee into our Culture School Strategies (add it into strategy 10B - Utilized the committee to provide support...).
- Robert commented that 3A under the Academic Program is too broad - there needs to be a more specific plan to get this executed, i.e. what kind of resources or organizations. Agreed to change language to enhance math and science curriculum.
- The Strategic Plan is a working document and it can be updated at any time.

- Debbie Dubois makes a motion to approve the update, Robert Sarkissian seconded. All GO team members voted in favor and the updated Strategic Plan is approved.

### #2 - Discuss and Determine Top 2 Priorities

- APS needs us to pick our top 2 out of our strategic plan.
- Emily recommends #1 as one of them. The group discussed it and agreed that 1 and 2 are the key one. Robert Sarkissian made a motion to approve. Elizabeth Cox seconds, and GO Team all voted in favor.

### #3 - Confirm members of the Family Engagement Advisory Committee

- Steering Committee - which is leaders of the PTA (Elaine Goldberg, Rebecca Blanchette and Leslie Inskeep), SSEF (Tammy Jaje, Adrienne Cronan, Ann Cooper), GO Team (Katy Barnes), Parent Liaison (Kattia Orozco) and Principal (Emily Boatright) makes up the steering committee
- Jennifer Sand motioned to approve the formation of the committee with these members; Debbie Dubois seconded; all GO Team approved.

## Principal's Report

- CCRPI - Although it is always a moving target, there were some good changes last year that resulted in positive changes to our score. But there has been an overhaul in how the scores are reported, so you can't really compare to last year. There is definitely growth with GA Milestones.
  - Overall score is 89.7.
  - Level 4 kids can really move our scores up.
- Achievement numbers - show improvement
  - Math we did great across the board.
  - ELA - struggling with Hispanic and English Learners.
  - Science struggled with many groups.
  - Economically Disadvantaged performed well esp. in ELA, Math and Social Studies.
- Positive Growth for Percent of Students making Typical or High Growth - looking to get to typical or high growth all of the time.
- Year over Year Comparisons -
  - Proficient and above is the key measure now. And SRS is showing growth for this metric except for 4<sup>th</sup> grade ELA.
  - For Distinguished, math is improving in all grades except for 5<sup>th</sup>. Hard to compare cohort data for this.
- For 5<sup>th</sup> grade spends more time doing things like DBQs and this allows them to do better on the test.
- Test scores are only one piece of the puzzle. Other great things happening at SRS -

- Celebration of Learning was a huge success.
- Renovations at the Primary Campus makes it feel a lot warmer and special (more renovations coming).
- Launching of new technology pods at PC.
- Dual Language Immersion Para Professionals.
- Technology courses at PC trying to build up those skills.
- Science Night is coming up on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Energy is better - teachers excited to come to work and feel more supported.
- Good consistent teaching and learning - SEL coordinator has given us positive feedback.
- Looking at data and individual students to make sure no one is falling through the cracks.
- Attendance dance parties at PC. What to do at IC?

## Discussion Items

### #1 - Robert's report on response from Department of Public Works

- City has not responded about the issues of traffic on Wieuca. Robert has made inquiries and suggested the delayed green/arrow idea at the light at Whittington.
- Robert did get the city to experiment with the flashing red stop to see what difference it would make - it lowered speed, but annoyed all of the commuters.
- \$15 million project for traffic control technology at main intersections around us. Will help with signals and traffic

### #2 - Elizabeth and Emily's report on crossing guard/police officer support

- Lost our one crossing guard at the IC. We have to have a presence at both campuses. Currently officer at PC.
- Elizabeth has been advertising for crossing guard volunteers and has received only one response so far. The group discussed and agreed that having an officer at each campus is sufficient and we won't get a volunteer force unless there is additional interest.
- Emily reported that we are getting a second police officer so we will have one at each campus. The new officer will be starting full time on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Public Comment

Shauna Achey

- Representing a larger group of parents of Gifted Children. They wanted to make sure that specific points are addressed for gifted. Some thoughts and comments
  - Resources for classrooms - physical support. As we move from resource to collaborative, want to make sure that budget supports any extra help (teachers, etc.) in the classroom. In the classroom we need to make sure the teachers have the appropriate resources. Have conversations been had with Ms. Morrison and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers?
  - Certification - increase for gifted and ESOL. Needs to be 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - what is strategy? Is every teacher still being certified or just certain ones?
  - Wanted to ask whether planning has started with 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers, whether it is cluster or collaborative model.
  - Transition - has this started? What was learned from 1<sup>st</sup> grade, what are we changing?
  - Are gifted learners getting what they need? They have great potential to help our test scores. So what can we do to support that?

## Chairperson Announcements

Next Go Team Meeting is Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>. No December meeting.

Jennifer Sand motioned to end meeting. Debbie Dubois seconded. The entire GO Team was in agreement. Meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm.

Robin Ortale

Secretary

Date of approval