

Springdale Park Elementary School

Date: **Wednesday, May 8, 2019**

Time: **4:00**

Location: **Conference Room**

I. Call to order: 4:00

II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Terry Harness	P
Parent/Guardian	Mark Rebillot	P
Parent/Guardian	Honora Handley	P in @ 4:01
Parent/Guardian	Meredith Evans, Ph.D.	P via teleconference
Instructional Staff	Mindy Mailman	P
Instructional Staff	Nakia Bryant	P
Instructional Staff	Yolanda Windham, Ed.D	P
Community Member	Brian Knight, D.C.	P in @ 4:03
Community Member	Meredith Smith	P
Swing Seat	Candice Butler	P in @ 4:04
Student (High Schools)	N/A	N/A

Guests Present: 4 (2 newly elected members, 1 prospective member, 1 parent)

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

a. Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by: Mark Rebillot **Seconded by:** Meredith Smith

Members Approving: All “eligible” voting members present at time of vote (M. Rebillot, M. Mailman, N. Bryant, Y. Windham, & M. Smith)

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

b. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Motion made by: Mark Rebillot **Seconded by:** Meredith Smith

Members Approving: All “eligible” voting members present at time of vote (M. Rebillot, M. Mailman, N. Bryant, Y. Windham, & M. Smith)

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

IV. Discussion Items

- a. **Discussion Item 1: Traffic Concerns on Ponce de Leon Ave:** Principal Harness shared concerns regarding safety and traffic calming on Ponce de Leon Ave that were brought forth during the Druid Hills Civic Association's meeting. DHCA has asked that some SPARK representatives partner with nearby schools to voice traffic concerns at upcoming meetings and to the Georgia Department of Transportation as well in an effort to help alleviate the traffic problems. Some suggestions included adding more stripes, crossing guards, police officers, and signage.
- b. **Discussion Item 2: Water Leaks throughout School:** Principal Harness shared the action steps that have been taken to address previous storm damage to the gate and older buildings of the school and current water leakage issues in the hallways and in some classrooms throughout the school. Joshua Hale, Maintenance and Operations Manager for the Grady Cluster, has already repaired the storm damage and a water leak in the Kindergarten wing of the building. Mr. Hale had an opportunity to conduct a walk-through investigation last week and will share his findings and plans to repair the damage.
- c. **Discussion Item 3: Possible Pre-K Class at SPARK in Future:** Principal Harness mentioned hopes to possibly add a Pre-K class sometime in the future. The addition would allow four-year-old children in the community the opportunity to experience school at their zoned public school sooner than the Kindergarten school year. Principal Harness added that it would perhaps even the playing field and provide a better chance for students' success down the road. Principal Harness will continue to discuss the possibility of adding the class and the specifics about funding, staffing, scheduling, priority, and waivers with Sydney Ahearn, Director of Early Learning.
- d. **Discussion Item 4: Next School Year:** Principal Harness discussed the possibility of a staffing cut of 1 of 3 Special Education teachers for the upcoming school year. The final decision was to be made at a Human Resources meeting on the following day.

Principal Harness informed Team members that the constant contact survey (aimed at gauging stakeholder interests in regard to enrichment and extra-curricular activities and student wellness at SPARK that the Team worked collaboratively to create in February) would be sent out to parents the following week.

Parent Team member, Honora Handley, expressed concerns about poor communication to parents regarding a threat made to Atlanta Public Schools on Monday, May 6th. The concerns mentioned included the vagueness of the communication, the method in which the communication was shared, the inconsistency of reporting the information to all parents/stakeholder, and the lack of follow-up information. Honora agreed to draft a letter that expressed concerns regarding communication and send it to the district.

Principal Harness reminded Team members that for the next school year the Team will need to update the school's strategic plan and technology plan. Principal Harness introduced newly elected Team members Catherine Hoelker and Nathan Stephenson to the team and thanked departing members for their service.

It was also determined that the Team will need to vote for a new Swing Seat member at the start of next school year.

V. Announcements

- a. Next meeting Wednesday, August 21st at 6:00pm

VI. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Meredith Smith](#); Seconded by: [Mindy Mailman](#)

Members Approving: All "eligible" voting members

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion: [Passes](#)

ADJOURNED AT 4:48

Minutes Taken By: [Nakia Bryant](#)

Position: [Go Team Secretary](#)

Date Approved: [TBD](#)