**Springdale Park Elementary**

**Date: 9/11/2019**

**Time: 5:30-7:00**

**Location: Springdale Park Conference Room**

1. **Call to order:** 5:30
2. **Roll Call**

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| **Role** | **Name** *(or Vacant)* | **Present or Absent** |
| **Principal** | Terry Harness | Present |
| **Parent/Guardian** | Meredith Evans, Ph. D | Present |
| **Parent/Guardian** | Honora Handley | Present |
| **Parent/Guardian** | Cat Hoelker | Present |
| **Instructional Staff** | Nakia Bryant | Present |
| **Instructional Staff** | Nathan Stephenson | Present |
| **Instructional Staff** | Yolanda Windham, Ed.D | Present |
| **Community Member** | Brian Knight, D.C. | Present |
| **Community Member** | Vacant | Choose an item. |
| **Swing Seat** | Abbie McCafferty | Present |
| **Student** *(High Schools)* |  |  |

**Quorum Established:** [Yes]

1. **Action Items** 
   1. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: [Brian Knight, D.C.]; Seconded by: [Cat Hoelker]

Members Approving: All Members

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

**Motion** [Passes]

* 1. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *List amendments to the minutes:*

- Spelled out Acronym: MTSS - Multi-Tiered System of Supports

- Minutes were clarified in regards to added Building Capacity changing from 725 students to 825 students.

Motion made by: [Honora Handley]; Seconded by: [Brian Knight, D.C.]

Members Approving: All Members

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

**Motion** [Passes]

1. **Discussion Items** 
   1. **Discussion Item 1**: Parent Survey Results

Mr. Harness reviewed the SPARK Parent Survey results. Below is a summary of the results.

Question 1: What should be SPARK’s top enrichment priority?

The following were the top three results: PE, Spanish, Technology

The team briefly discussed if there were languages other than Spanish that families would be interested in having at SPARK.

Question 2: Rank what you believe are the most important core curriculum content areas.

Results in Order: Reading, Math, Writing, Science, Social Studies, Health

Question 3: Is there enough recess at SPARK?

Just the right amount (64%), too little (35%), too much

Question 4: Should SPARK offer chocolate milk?

No (66%); Yes 34%

Question 4: Would you like SPARK to provide before school day care?

No 84%, Yes 16%

Question 5: What is the most valued form of communication?

The following were the top five results: Teacher email, SPARK-e, Room parent emails, Thursday Folders, Parent Teacher Conferences

Question 6: What would you like to share about communication at SPARK?

The responses varied greatly. One common thread concerned consistent communication strategies and hearing directly from the classroom teacher. The team discussed the ideal methods and what parents and families prefer to be communicated.

Question 7: How many children do you have at SPARK? Which grade level?

Team reviewed varied results.

Question 8: New parents to SPARK- What are some things you would recommend that SPARK do to support new parents/families within the community?

Team reviewed varied results.

Question 8: What do you like most about SPARK?

The team reviewed results. Responses included having a great staff, leadership with Mr. Harness, strong academics, culture, diversity, and many other comments.

* 1. **Discussion Item 2**: Strategic Planning / Data Look

Mr. Harness shared school data around milestones in comparison to other schools in the cluster and district. The school is performing well however it appears that math could be a focus for the school.

Mr. Harness then presented the “Characteristics of STEM and STEAM Schools” pamphlet, STEM & STEAM Continuum of Implementation for Certification, STEAM Self-Assessment and Reflection produced by the Georgia Department of Education.

Mr. Harness discussed the importance of going through this process deliberately. If SPARK were to pursue getting certified it does not mean the school would lose focus on ELA and the humanities. The school recently introduced the Reading & Writing Project and will continue to focus on this curriculum as well.

Mr. Harness suggested the GO Team tour local STEM/STEAM certified schools in the area.

* 1. **Discussion Item 3**: Other Business:

**Action Item 1:** Election of Community Member Seat

Motion made by: [Honora Handley Seconded by: [Brian Knight, D.C.]

Nominee: Elise Blalock

Members Approving: All Members

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

**Action Item 2:** Election of Grady Cluster Representative

**Nominees:** Cat Hoelker, Brian Knight

Motion for vote made by: [Nathan Stephenson Seconded by: [Abbie McCafferty]

Election Results:

Members Approving: Brian Knight, Dr. Yolanda Windham, Nakia Bryant, Nathan Stephenson, Abbie McCafferty

Members Opposing: Cat Hoelker, Honora Handley, Dr. Meredith Evans, Elise Blalock

Members Abstaining: None

Result: Brian Knight will serve as Grady Cluster Representative

1. **Public Comment:**
2. A SPARK Teacher spoke to the GO Team concerned about her duty of helping with traffic flow during afternoon dismissal on Ponce De Leon Avenue. Specifically, she walks on Ponce with a STOP sign to help busses exit. Recently, she was almost hit by a car. She asked if the GO Team would advocate for a trained professional to help with traffic control as opposed to a teacher.

Following this comment: The team discussed writing a letter to APS, GA DOT, and all other relevant agencies to encourage stronger traffic safety. The letter will ask for a police officer or trained traffic agent and better signage indicating the School Zone. Honora Handley will draft the letter for GO Team review. The GO Team also discussed trying to include the PTO in this discussion. As a result, the PTO will also be sent this letter.

1. Another person, briefly spoke about the APS Board Decision regarding Dr. Meria Carstarphen.
2. **Adjournment**

Motion made by: [Brian Knight, D.C.]; Seconded by: [Nathan Stephenson]

Members Approving: All Members in Favor

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining:

**Motion** [Passes]

**ADJOURNED AT** [6:46]

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**Minutes Taken By: Nathan Stephenson**

**Position: Secretary**

**Date Approved:** [Insert Date the Minutes are **APPROVED** by the GO Team]