

Thursday, October 1, 2020

## GoTeam Meeting #1

- Welcome remarks; Community members may not contribute this evening
- Introductions & Roll – Jeane Fore, Diane Jacobi, Deangela Huggins, Morgan King-Ray, Mike Bland, Wendy Angelety, Tolton Pace, Tracey Pendley, Karriem, Lang, Kendra Jones
- Not present for roll call: Ashley Dyson (arrived @ 8pm), Andre Pam (Pams arrived at 7:20)
- Motion made by T. Pendley and seconded by DAW to extend a courtesy seat to A. Karriem & J. Fore.

### I. Action Items

#### A. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by DAW, Seconded by T. Pendley

#### B. Welcome Newly Elected Members

Welcomed during introductions, Roll Call

#### C. Fill Open Community Member Seat

#### D. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Discussion of budget adjustments from May & how dollars were found.
- Zoom link agenda was shared to video recording this afternoon.
- Motion to accept the minutes by M. King-Ray, seconded by Tolton Pace

#### E. Election of Officers

- **Chair-** Leads GoTeam meetings, works with principal to develop agenda; makes certain every member has the opportunity to be heard
  - Nominations:
    - Morgan King-Ray nominated by Toland Pace
  - **Elected: Morgan King-Ray, confirmed**
    - “I enjoyed being on the GoTeam last year; being the Cluster rep and getting a pulse of the cluster, I think I’d be a good fit for chair, as a teacher and involved cluster member. I’m happy to lead and willing to do it.”
    - 6 yes to 0 no
- **Vice-Chair**
  - Nominations
    - Toland Pace nominated by M. King-Ray; **Declined nomination**
    - Wendy Angelety nominated by Tolton Pace; accepted

- **Elected: Wendy Angeley; Confirmed**
  - “Excited to help and support Morgan and BPA.”
  - 6 yes to 0 no (Lang and Pam not voting)
- **Secretary** – take minutes, post in accordance of Ga Public Records
  - Nominations
    - T. Pendley nominated by M. King-Ray
  - **Elected: Tracey Pendley, Confirmed**
    - 6 yes to 0 no
- **Cluster Representative**
  - Nominations
    - Tolton Pace nominated by Wendy Angeley
  - **Elected: Tolton Pace, confirmed**
    - “Worked in APS as itinerant teacher, worked in many APS buildings elementary, middle, and high; this work lends itself to understanding the work within the cluster and build community; worked with non profits and building relationships with community partners and help us reach our full potential. I’m available and ready to make it work. Let’s unlock the potential.”
    - 6 yes to 0 no

#### F. **Review & Approve Public Comment Format**

- Ms. Fore gave remarks on last year’s public comment format; “You may sign up for 5 minutes per person or an email read into the record; You can sign up until the start of the meeting; A response is not necessarily given at that time. We are required to have public comment in at least 4 meetings per year. Emails were sent to one person.”
- David White’s remarks on last year’s public comment format: “We are not required to provide a response to a question that may come up in public comment, however, in almost every case, we’ve offered a response in person or have provided written follow-up within 24 hours of that meeting. We must allow at least 20 minutes of time for the public to make comments.”
- David White read 5 bullet descriptors from the GoTeam handbook.
- Invitation must be posted 2 days prior to a GoTeam Meeting
- Currently, Public Comment invitation and Agenda go out together within the 48 hour window;
- Also out there all the time on the state GoTeam page (Diane Jacobi)
- Expanded communication to Infinite Campus texting for the current meeting – reaches more families
- 6 yes to 0 no → approved

#### G. **Set GO Team Meeting Calendar**

- David White introduced idea to meet next Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in order to discuss the district’s back to school plan for PreK-2.

- Jeanne Fore suggested meeting on Tuesday 10/6. DAW explained he won't have time to do that. Wednesday 10/7 suggested.
- Team agreed to meet on **Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**
- BPA Town Hall Public Chat will be on Wednesday 10/7
- **Additional Upcoming Meetings: November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, January 7<sup>th</sup>, February 18<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>**
- Ms. Angelety recommended meeting an additional time around budget season, possibly meeting as a subgroup; suggests that 6 meetings for this particular school year is not enough time to come together and be able to look at the strategic plan.
- David – We have a history of work teams and work committees that bring back ideas to the group. Subcommittee (take actions and give a report to the GoTeam) and a Work Session is just a report with recommendations with the GoTeam doing the final approval.
- Diane Jacobi – suggested the likely need for additional time in January, principals get budget mid-January, work for strategic plan
- **Dates Confirmed;** Motion to accept offered by David White, Huggins accepted the motion, Mike Bland seconded the motion

#### H. **Review, Confirm/Update, and Adopt GO Team Meeting Norms**

- David White read the norms:
  - Only members of go team may participate
  - members of the public must quietly observe
  - we will be fully present
  - we will follow the agenda as noticed to the public
  - we will be respectful of each other at all times
  - we will be open minded
  - we will listen to each other
  - we will have respect for all ideas
  - we will approach difference of opinion with curiosity
- Motion to accept offered by David White. Motion to accept moved by Ashley Dyson; seconded by Tolton Pace.

## II. **Discussion Items**

### A. **Discussion of Staff & Community Surveys**

- David White: “We were slated to lose \$120,000 because having 30 fewer students show up; however, we had an unexpected retirement – helped closed the gap almost completely; Leveling will not be an issue  
Due to the retirement and our under-enrollment, we're not able to backfill; Thus, the 18 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students have been divided amongst the other 3 classes = 24 students per class. These students began 2 weeks ago with their new teachers; all are doing well. The families of these students have been patient, helpful, communicative.”
- David White sent a 10 minute video about completing the Declaration to Return; noncommittal but fertilized confidence in our local process and gain trust of our families.

- We will learn more information on Monday 10/5/20.

**B. Encourage All to tune in to watch BOE Meeting at 5pm on Monday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>**

- Jeanne Fore – “New superintendent is scripted; lots of chatter that we’re looking to local schools for the answers, but not relying so much on what the BOE says.”
- David White – “I don’t disagree, but I can’t make decisions for our schools without further guidance;” Mentioned billboard and FB Groups about pro/anti coming back to school; David encouraged the team that if you’re speaking for or in attachment to BPA – take a neutral position. It can get really unfriendly otherwise.

### **III. Information Items**

**A. Principal’s Report – Updates on APS Phase 2 Plan (if known)**

We don’t know a whole lot; just be patient and work not to spread false information.

- Access the board meeting on Monday at 5pm by using a QR code,
- Motion to dismiss by T. Pendley, seconded by Morgan King-Ray