

Morris Brandon GO Team Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: March 30, 2017

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Main Campus Media Center

Call to order

A meeting of Morris Brandon's Go Team was held at the Morris Brandon Main Campus on March 30, 2017 at 5:33pm.

GW made a motion to approve the agenda.

NB seconded the motion.

In favor: Nza Branton, Sue Friedrichs, Tracey Hudson, Caron Solomon, Grace White

Opposed: None

Arrived after the Vote: Kelly Trotter

The March 30th agenda was approved.

Attendees

Attendees included: Nza Branton, Sue Friedrichs, Tracey Hudson, Caron Solomon, Kara Stimpson, Kelly Trotter, Grace White

Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: Gordon Benedict, Sarah Kirsch, Kate Laing

Approval of minutes

NB made a motion to approve the March 3, 2017 meeting minutes.

CS seconded the motion.

In favor: Nza Branton, Sue Friedrichs, Tracey Hudson, Caron Solomon, Grace White

Opposed: None

Arrived after the Vote: Kelly Trotter

The March 3rd meeting minutes were approved.

I. Discussion Items**a. Budget Updates**

- KS presented a recap of the 2017-18 budget updates
- Number of homeroom teachers will remain the same as the current year.
- Number of general education paras will remain the same as the current year.
- Flex-funded paras will increase by one. It is important to remember that the flex-funded positions have been created.
- The SST position will be abolished.
- One counselor position will be abolished.
- KS shared the results of her staffing conference.
 - She was able to create the extra flex-funded para position so that each campus would have a floating para.
 - Funds to cover this position were taken out of the budget and reallocated to fund the position.
 - The Austerity cut was given back to the schools, which then allowed for the budget to be brought back to the original amounts for non-staffing areas.
- KS did not know how other schools chose to use their austerity funds.
- Austerity funds are calculated per pupil, so we have much more than most schools.
- CS-Can we add a foreign language position?
- KS- No, because we are not guaranteed these funds next year so we do not want to begin something we cannot continue.
- KT- Now the professional development funds are not coming from the Foundation. It seems that Foundation was covering quite a bit that is now covered by the Austerity cut.
- SEE ATTACHED POWERPOINT

b. School Based Solution Ideas

- KS presented her ideas which all center around carving time out of the work week for teachers to complete the necessary work that needs to be done in order to move forward with the new gifted model.
 - Early release every Wednesday
 - Ask the district for control of all district professional development days.

- Allow KS to differentiate district professional development days by staff need.
- Add an extra staff development day per quarter which would reduce the student school days by 4.
- Late start one day per week.
- KS said there would need to be cluster buy in to make most of the above work.
- KT suggested to make a few days at the beginning of the school year professional development days which would also allow for a later school year start. (Something that the parents would like.)
- GW said that a later school year start would have better community buy-in.
- CS asked if changing the school language will ever be given to the GO Team to decide by vote?
- KS said that it would not.

II. Action Items

a. Budget

CS moved to approve the revised Budget Details and the Austerity cut restoration.

SF 2nd the motion.

In favor: [Nza Branton](#), [Sue Friedrichs](#), [Tracey Hudson](#), [Caron Solomon](#), [Kelly Trotter](#), [Grace White](#)

Opposed: [None](#)

b. School Based Solutions

- KS will submit the School Based Solution form which requests to explore these ideas with the GO Team office at our next meeting.

III. Public Comment:

None

IV. Announcements:

The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2017 at 8:00am in the Morris Brandon Primary Center Gym.

V. Adjournment

GW motioned to adjourn the meeting.

NB seconded the motion.

- In favor: [Nza Branton](#), [Sue Friedrichs](#), [Tracey Hudson](#), [Caron Solomon](#), [Kelly Trotter](#), [Grace White](#)
- Opposed: [None](#)
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Tracey S. Hudson

Secretary

May 26, 2017

Date of approval