

## Morris Brandon GO Team Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: May 26, 2017

Time: 8:00 am

Location: Primary Campus Gym

### Call to order

A meeting of Morris Brandon's Go Team was held at the Morris Brandon Primary Center Campus on May 26, 2017 at 8:03am.

KL made a motion to approve the agenda.

GW seconded the motion.

In favor: Nza Branton, Sue Friedrichs, Tracey Hudson, Caron Solomon, Grace White, Kate Laing, Kelly Trotter, Sue Friedrichs, Sarah Kirsch

Opposed: None

Via Phone: Gordon Benedict

The May 26<sup>th</sup> agenda was approved.

### Attendees

Attendees included: Gordon Benedict (via phone), Nza Branton, Sue Friedrichs, Tracey Hudson, Sarah Kirsch, Kate Laing, Caron Solomon, Kara Stimpson, Kelly Trotter, Grace White

### Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: none

### Approval of minutes

NB made a motion to approve the March 31, 2017 meeting minutes.

KL seconded the motion.

In favor: Nza Branton, Sue Friedrichs, Tracey Hudson, Caron Solomon, Grace White, Kate Laing, Kelly Trotter, Sue Friedrichs, Sarah Kirsch

Opposed: None

Via Phone: Gordon Benedict

The March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes were approved

## I. Discussion Items

### a. School Based Proposal

- KS updated the Go Team about where we are with the school based solutions discussed at previous meetings.
- We want to leverage time for the teachers working on the Gifted Endorsement.
- Ideas included:
  - Converting student days to workdays
  - Coordinating with the cluster.
    - At the cluster meeting, it was discussed that the middle and high school teachers don't have the same need.
    - In order for a cluster plan to be put in place all schools need to be on the same page.
- The Principals had a meeting to flush out ideas.
  - KS presented an idea to stagger time around the year discussed at the meeting.
    - Utilize private school Spring Break days.
    - A solution based on attendance data.
    - The proposal would be to have school based teacher work days on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2018.
  - Since the Principals' meeting, some GO Teams have voted against using the March dates as additional teacher workdays.
  - TH asked why some of the other Go Teams were not supportive.
  - KS said because of the major leadership changes that have recently occurred.
    - Dr. Dickey has gone.
    - David Jernigan is now over both Operations and Curriculum and Instruction.
    - Student seat time for the two school based teacher work days would need to be made up in some way.
    - KL added that it is important for the students to have the full 180 days of teaching.
  - The 2017-18 school calendar was reviewed for the distribution of the existing PD days.
  - KS said that from a principal's perspective, she would like to see 4 of the 8 PD days PD specific and 4 of the PD days for school based PD.

- CS asked how much time do teachers need to complete the Gifted Training work.
- TH asked if when the syllabus for the classes is released, could a PD day be added at that point.
- KS said that teachers enrolled in the gifted cohort would be allowed one work/PD day to use when and how individual teachers need.
- KS added that teachers with attendance issues would be handled individually.
- KS-The district scheduled PD days are not guaranteed to align with the needs of those in the gifted cohort.
- KS-Utilizing the flex paras for nonessential responsibilities might be another option for freeing up time for involved teachers.
- KS-We don't need a school based solution now, however we could write one if needed at a later date.
- KS-Jernigan is all about local school control.
- The participants of the first gifted cohort were discussed.
  - Begins August 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - KS-Teachers already have 10 planning periods per week for grades 2-5. K-1 have fewer (7) because they do not have French.
  - TH asked if those in the gifted cohort could have coverage for the specials that still require classroom teachers to be present.
  - KS did not think that there would be available staff for that amount of coverage.
  - TH said that the cohort participants should keep a log of the time spent completing the work.
- SK-What is the pitch for the new gifted model?
- NB-It is a win for all students.
- The GO Team agreed that there was no need for a school based solution at this time.

## II. Action Items

### a. Go Team End of Year Close Out

- The GO Team spread sheet was completed and sent to KS to finish her part of the task.
- The results for the GO Team's satisfaction survey were passed out.

## b. School Based Solutions Next Steps

- CS-If the cluster came back with a proposal that Brandon did not agree with, what could we do?
- KS- At the end of the day, we don't have to agree to participate.

## III. Public Comment:

None

## IV. Announcements:

## V. Adjournment

SF motioned to adjourn the meeting.

NB seconded the motion.

- In favor: [Nza Branton](#), [Sue Friedrichs](#), [Tracey Hudson](#), [Caron Solomon](#), [Grace White](#), [Kate Laing](#), [Kelly Trotter](#), [Sue Friedrichs](#), [Sarah Kirsch](#)
- Opposed: [None](#)
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:06am.

Tracey S. Hudson

Secretary

9-8-17

Date of approval