

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 26th 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 31st 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 12th and 13th 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 28th.
 - 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