

Morris Brandon GO Team Monthly Meeting Summary

Date: September 8, 2017

Time: 7:15 am

Location: Primary Campus Gym

I. Call to order**II. Attendees**

Attendees included [list names of GO Team members present].

Gordon Benedict	Nza Branton	Sue Friedrichs	Tracey Hudson
Sarah Kirsch	Kate Laing	Caron Solomon	Kara Stimpson
Kelly Trotter			

Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included [list names].

none			

Is there are quorum present? Circle or highlight **Yes** or No**III. Approve meeting agenda;****Approve previous meeting minutes****Changes Made to Minutes**

1. none

Minutes approved? Circle or highlight **Yes** or No

IV. Action Items**Voting Results of Officer Election****a. Elect Chairperson**

	Candidate Name: Caron Solomon
List the GO Team members in favor of candidate	Gordon Benedict, Nza Branton, Sue Friedrichs, Tracey Hudson, Sarah Kirsch, Kate Laing, Caron Solomon, Kelly Trotter
List the GO Team members not in favor of candidate	none

b. Elect Vice-chairperson

	Candidate Name: Nza Branton
List the GO Team members in favor of candidate	Gordon Benedict, Nza Branton, Sue Friedrichs, Tracey Hudson, Sarah Kirsch, Kate Laing, Caron Solomon, Kelly Trotter
List the GO Team members not in favor of candidate	none

c. Elect Secretary

	Candidate Name: Kelly Trotter
List the GO Team members in favor of candidate	Gordon Benedict, Nza Branton, Sue Friedrichs, Tracey Hudson, Sarah Kirsch, Kate Laing, Caron Solomon, Kelly Trotter
List the GO Team members not in favor of candidate	none

d. Cluster Representative

Notes:

Kelly Trotter will remain the Cluster Representative for the 2017-2018 school year.

e. Finalize Meeting Dates**2017-2018 Meeting Schedule**

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
1	9-8-2017	7:15 AM	PC-Gym
2	10-5-2017	5:30 PM	PC-Gym
3	11-3-2017	7:15 AM	MC-IB Classroom
4	11-30-2017	5:30 PM	MC-IB Classroom
5	1-19-2018	7:15 AM	PC-Gym
6	2-1-2018	5:30 PM	PC-Gym
7	3-2-2018	7:15 AM	MC-IB Classroom
8	4-12-2018	5:30 PM	MC-IB Classroom
9	5-29-2018	8:00 AM	PC-Gym

All in Favor:

Gordon Benedict, Nza Branton, Sue Friedrichs, Tracey Hudson, Sarah Kirsch, Kate Laing, Caron Solomon, Kelly Trotter

Opposed: None

f. Finalize Public Comment

2017 Go Team Public Comment Norms were read.

Notes: In planning agendas, we will be thoughtful about the placement of public comment.

All in Favor: Gordon Benedict, Nza Branton, Sue Friedrichs, Tracey Hudson, Sarah Kirsch, Kate Laing, Caron Solomon, Kelly Trotter

Opposed: None

g. Finalize Go Team Norms

2017 Go Team Norms were read.

Discussion: Hot topic conversations outside of the meetings and how to include everyone. It was concluded that our norms were appropriate as written.

All in Favor: Gordon Benedict, Nza Branton, Sue Friedrichs, Tracey Hudson, Sarah Kirsch, Kate Laing, Caron Solomon, Kelly Trotter

Opposed: None

V. Discussion Items

CS-Asked about a Communication Committee to Promote Go Team so the public will be more informed.

KS- Shared that our GO Team was used as a good example to other GO Teams.

- Handled difficult issues
- Engaged with District Representatives to gain more information
- Members attended meetings

KS- said that all GO Teams had general feelings of frustration.

KL-shared that in comparison to Local School Council, Go Team does not have as much of a voice.

SK-added that there was more discussion and problem solving with Local School Council.

KS-With GO Team, the district has streamlined the process and attached the strategic plan to the GO Team's work.

SF will remain the time keeper for the 2017-2018 school year. All members were in favor.

a. Principals report

KS said it was the best start of a school year since she had become principal.

The new gifted model rollout is going well.

The Gifted Endorsement cohort has begun.

KS went over data attached to our strategic plan.

The APSVIS website was shared and certain data points were highlighted.

To begin working on the strategic plan for this year, staff and community feedback should be meshed.

Discussion about parent communication and the Gifted Model Rollout:

SK will compile and create a FAQ explaining the questions from the Gifted model rollout.

KS- The school is working on a progress report to be sent home twice a year. There should be ongoing weekly communication. Student products will be uploaded to SEE SAW for parents to see. The staff will be retrained on SEE SAW next week. The presentation from Parent Night about the new Gifted Model will be emailed to parents.

SK-said the parents had questions about what collaboration means.

NB-explained that collaborative means with teacher but not necessarily a set model each time.

KS-Similar models are fluid. Sometimes there will be push in, and sometimes there will be pull out.

KS- Shared milestone data- the movement of the bubble shows where we really need to focus. ELA is extraordinarily high except our scores are not improving but dripping slowing down. She feels that the struggle with ELA is lack of a coordinated approach. Brandon has lots of resources but no coordinated approach.

NB-added there was a shift in the way the kids are tested. There is more writing.

TH-said the district also changed their push to teaching standards with more rigor.

KS said the district standards are a common theme but not a streamlined approach. Garden Hills uses Daily 5. They have committed to this program and are now seeing results.

The subgroup gaps will be focused on this year. 3-5 are getting differentiation kits purchased by the Foundation. These kits will encourage small groups.

Morris Brandon has the most subgroups in the APS district. Brandon's subgroups are doing very well in Social Studies. We believe this is because the curriculum for Social Studies focuses on storytelling. We need to find a way to translate this to Math.

K-2 will be measured in growth, not achievement.

KL- questioned how parents will know if students are being challenged with the new Gifted model.

TH- Reported that she feels the gifted certification classes were not that bad, however some feel they are overwhelming.

KS- Using the new gifted model, Brandon should see more flexibility with staffing and budget use.

KS reported that leveling has occurred.

- Brandon has earned 3 positions.
- 2 teachers-they will not be homeroom teachers, however one will be at each campus
- 1 para-professional- for Kindergarten
- Ideas about how to best utilize these positions are in the process

New Work of the GO Team:

Strategic Plan:

SK-We should have a new parent survey before the strategic plan meeting.

KS-will compile data from students, parents, and staff climate surveys.

World Language Offerings:

KS-discussed the results from last year's world language survey. She feels we need to explore this topic again this year. She would like to hold a parent question/answer night after Fall Break.

VII. Announcements

TH-Will send the invitation to the Saturday GO Team kick off session.

VIII. Adjournment

KT made a motion to adjourn.

KL seconded the motion.

All in Favor:Gordon Benedict, Nza Branton, Sue Friedrichs, Tracey Hudson, Sarah Kirsch, Kate Laing, Caron Solomon, Kelly Trotter

Opposed: None

Secretary

Date of approval