

Barnwell Elementary School
SGC Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2020

Council Members Present for the February 28, 2020 SGC Meeting: Martin Neuhaus, Savannah McGrath, Jessica Nelson, Michelle Bolt, Kristy Dell’Orto, Karla Lazzari, and Tomario Rowe.

Members Absent: Nik Volkov and Samantha Weaver

Guest Present: Lakasha Lee

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 AM.

II. Action Items

Approve the Agenda for the February 28, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Karla Lazzari to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Jessica Nelson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approve the Meeting Minutes from the January 17, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Kristy Dell’Orto to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Jessica Nelson. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Discussion Items

A. Principal Report

- **Safety Audit**

- After the Safety Audit expenses, we have approximately \$27,000 to use as follows:
 - 45 interior locks for classrooms
 - Speed humps/cones (speed humps to be installed by Johns Creek when left turn lane is installed)
 - Touch screen for office monitors
 - AED batteries/supplies

- **Elections**

- One parent representative declared – Michelle Bolt
- One teacher representative declared – Stephanie Beckles

- **Dissolving PTA to PTO**

- PTA is interested in moving towards a PTO
- PTO allows for more flexibility with positions funding
- PTO has more flexible by-laws

- **RFF Days**

- Fulton County is reviewing the elimination of RFF days
- Decision expected in April
- County looking for options for teacher training during the day

- Barnwell would like two RFF days if approved
- **Budget** (Martin reviewed the budget and provided a School Budget Report handout)
 - STEM Teacher
 - Two TAG teachers
 - One additional teacher (to reduce class size)
 - Part-time PA II (front office)
 - Add additional Para-professional for support
 - Consultant support for teacher growth (improve the teachers we have)
 - Carryover of \$12,732
 - All 2020-2021 spending requires approval by 2020-2021 SGC Council Members. Suggest:
 - Part-time PA II (front office)
 - Add additional Para-professional for support
 - Consultant support for teacher growth (improve the teachers we have)

A motion was made by Michelle Bolt to approve the 2020-2021 School Budget. The motion was seconded by Kristy Dell'Orto. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Spring Cross Council Meeting Update (Michelle Bolt/Jessica Nelson)

C. 3-2-1 (Jessica Nelson)

3 – Jessica shared very positive comments comparing the special ed model to the co-teaching model implemented this year at Barnwell. Benefits all the students, teachers can plan together and communicate with each other about students.

2 – Jessica discussed and provided a very informative handout about Executive Functioning Skills in children.

1 – Jessica shared ideas about a no homework night/family fun night/Mindful Mondays, etc. How can we implement this for next year? Community Chair to investigate.

IV. Agenda Items for next meeting (March 20, 2020)

- Flex Funds
- Additional information on locks
- Mindful Mondays
- RFF Days
- 3-2-1 (Allison Townsend)

V. Adjourn

A motion was made by Michelle Bolt to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 AM. The motion was seconded by Kristy Dell'Orto. The motion was unanimously approved.

