

Barnwell Elementary School
SGC Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2020

Council Members Present for the November 16, 2020 TEAMS Meeting: Martin Neuhaus, Kristy Dell'Orto, Karla Lazzari, Jessica Nelson, Stephanie Beckles, Breana Rounds, Allison Townsend, Donald Albright, and Tomario Rowe.

Members Absent: Nik Volkov

Guests Present: Erin King

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Actions Items

Approve the October 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Breana Rounds to approve the Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Jessica Nelson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approve the November 16, 2020 Agenda. A motion was made by Karla Lazzari to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Allison Townsend. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Discussion Items

A. Principal's Report

Instructional Plan

- **iReady Diagnostic Data**
 - Looking at August/September results (taken from home) and December results (only remote students will take at home)
 - Using this data as a springboard to determine how to move forward with student placement
 - Gaps will be addressed during WIN time
- **ELA/Math Priority Standards Checks**
 - Priority Standards checks are done every two weeks
 - Work is graded with an opportunity for recovery
 - Gaps will be addressed during RELA/Math time
- **Grading**
 - Students must do 80% of the work assigned to receive credit
 - Students will have an opportunity to complete unfinished work

Phase V Update

- Currently have 437 face-to-face students and 225 remote students
- There are 6 remote teachers, 21 face-to-face teachers, and 5 that are teaching simultaneously
- Covid-19 cases have increased and each case is investigated by Fulton County Department of Health
 - For each case, high risk or low risk is identified
 - High risk is exposure of 15 or more minutes of direct contact within 6 feet of a confirmed Covid-positive individual
 - Low risk is exposure of less than 15 minutes and no prolonged contact with an individual but was exposed to a confirmed Covid-positive individual
- Have seating charts in place in classrooms, at lunch, on the bus, and in specials classes
- During recess students are kept in groups to minimize exposure
- Working with staff to keep safe distance from each other
- Current plan does not include returning to universal remote after the November break
- Barnwell will follow the Closing Matrix when necessary

Voting at Barnwell

- November 3, 2020 election day
 - School was closed for public voting in the cafeteria
 - Voting machines did not arrive until 9pm on Monday, November 2
 - About 250 people voted at Barnwell
- There will not be a voting day at Barnwell in December
- January 5, 2021 runoff
 - This is the first day back from the winter break
 - Expected remote day
 - Superintendent does not want students in school while voting is in progress

Second Semester Remote Option

- Expecting board approval on November 19, 2020
- Parent remote choice will be for the entire third 9-week period (commitment for 9 weeks)
- Expect a survey beginning on 11/20/2020 through 12/4/2020
- Town Hall meeting planned for 12/2/2020 (date is dependent upon last day of survey)
- Possible reshuffling, depending on survey numbers and Continuous Achievement changes

IV. 3-2-1

3 (Roll/Perspective)

Jessica Nelson discussed teaching simultaneously. Ms. Nelson is an IRR Teacher co-teaching in third grade. She teaches a face-to-face class with one virtual student so she is teaching simultaneously. She expects her students to join all class sections. If students must

quarantine, they can join in with remote students. Students are completing work, staying on task, and Ms. Nelson can gauge understanding. Using chat is helpful but it is challenging to see what students know and how to reach them. Technology troubleshooting takes up some time so remote students must be extra patient.

2 (Community Feedback)

Ms. Nelson spoke with other simultaneous and remote teachers for their feedback. Teachers shared that teaching simultaneously is taking extra planning time because teachers are planning for face-to-face and remote students. All assignments must be tailored to remote students being able to switch to face-to-face at any time. Everything must be kept digitally. Recovering test grades is normal but teachers are not used to assignment recovery, which is a lot of tracking. Tracking this information is cutting into small group time and one-on-one time. Remote students have distractions at home which interrupts the teacher and face-to-face students.

1 (Suggestion or Question)

For the next iReady Diagnostics, teachers should encourage student work be done independently so teachers can be sure students are understanding. Students must take iReady testing seriously and do their best on it.

V. Agenda Items for Next Meeting (December 14, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.)

- Flex Funds request for spending
- Next Steps Conversation Plan for January 2021 and beyond
- Second Semester Plan Update

VI. Adjourn Meeting

A motion was made by Karla Lazzari to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Breana Rounds. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.