

Barnwell Elementary School
SGC Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2020

Council Members Present for the December 14, 2020 TEAMS Meeting: Martin Neuhaus, Kristy Dell'Orto, Karla Lazzari, Jessica Nelson, Stephanie Beckles, Breana Rounds, Allison Townsend, Nik Volkov and Tomario Rowe.

Members Absent: Donald Albright

Guests Present: Erin King

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

II. Actions Items

Approve the December 14, 2020 Agenda. A motion was made by Nik Volkov to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Breana Rounds. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approve the November 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Nik Volkov to approve the Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Allison Townsend. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Discussion Items

A. Principal's Report

Mr. Neuhaus thanked all members for their continued commitment and support to the council during these challenging times.

Second Semester Update

- Parent/Student Changes for Second Semester
 - 41 changes total
 - 38 students switched from remote to face-to-face
 - 3 students switched from face-to-face to remote
- Reshuffling of students will be minimal
- Any continuous achievement changes will be done before class reshuffling
- Biggest change is in 1st grade
 - 1 teacher currently remote is changing to face-to-face
 - 3-4 students from each face-to-face classroom will be moved to the new face-to-face teacher
 - 18-20 students will remain in 1st grade classrooms
 - 26 students will be in the only remote class for 1st grade
- Parents will be called this Thursday if their student will be moved
- The new face-to-face teacher will have a Meet & Greet on January 5, 2021

- Other grade levels have 7 or so students coming to face to face but this does not impact numbers like it does in 1st grade

Next Steps Conversation Update for 2021

- Proposed Plan
 - Do a 30-minute podcast with a recorded panel of speakers
 - Publicize the topic and provide parents an opportunity to ask questions in advance
 - Members will review/discuss questions to answer
 - What is discussed will provide a window into Barnwell and engage parents in conversation
 - The first subject is the classroom community and its challenges
 - Erin King does podcasts and has offered her help
 - Help is needed with the editing piece

Flex Funds – Requests for Spending

Current Requests:

- Guided Reading Short Reads from Around the World (\$4,800)
 - Excerpts from books to help students with vocabulary and other skills through extension activities
 - Recommended by Curriculum Support Teacher, Samantha Weaver
- iReady Incentives
 - Greg Tang Math Games (\$2,500)
 - Scholastic Vending Machine Books (\$1,500)
 - An iReady scoreboard is created to show progress and time spent on it
 - Incentives go directly into the hands of students over the next few months
 - Students can choose a book or a Greg Tang math game from the vending machine
 - Cost of the books are \$1 each and the math games are \$3 each
- Leveled Readers to update Library (approximately \$6,000)
 - Similar to the Guided Reading Short Read books except these are sets of books
 - Each grade level is working with our CST to submit a book order
 - These diverse books are new books in sets of 6 that teachers can check out from leveled library

Future Requests:

- Intruder Locks for remaining 21 classroom doors (approximately \$800 per door, \$16,800)
 - Spring break or summer project
 - Could break up rooms in smaller groups depending on which rooms are used most

- Playground Equipment (replace spinning seats, approximately \$5,000)
 - Currently have 2 saddle seats on the playground and they spin students as they are seated
 - Injuries on this equipment have been tracked for 3 years and there are more injuries on this equipment than on other pieces
 - Want to put something else in its place that does not spin so quickly
- If the first 3 requests are approved, there is about \$23,000 left to spend
- A motion was made by Breana Rounds to approve the first 3 requests for spending. The motion was seconded by Kristy Dell'Orto. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Any ideas on future spending should be forwarded to Mr. Neuhaus

IV. Agenda Items for Next Meeting (January 25, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.)

- iReady Data Comparison
- Community Conversations Update/Parent Question Review to work into Panel Podcast
- Flex Funds Spending for Remaining Funds

V. Adjourn Meeting

A motion was made by Karla Lazzari to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Beckles. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.