

Barnwell Elementary School
SGC Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2021

Council Members Present for the January 25, 2021 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: Samantha Weaver

I. Call to Order

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

II. Action Items

Approval of December 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Jessica Nelson to approve the Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Beckles. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of the January 25, 2021 Agenda. A motion was made by Breana Rounds to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Beckles. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Discussion Items

A. Principal's Report

Second Semester Update

- Barnwell received only 5 hardship requests to date
- Most likely there will be a 4th quarter choice coming next month
- Currently 70% face-to-face and 30% remote instruction

iReady Comparison (Fall to Mid-Year)

- Samantha Weaver discussed iReady Comparison (Fall 2020 to December 2020)
 - Students took iReady tests in late September/early October at home and again before the winter break
 - Students exceeded expectations in both iReady reading and math scores
 - Teachers are using WIN time to help students reach Tier 1

Community Conversations Update/Parent Question Review

- Conversations will be delivered in a podcast format, be 30 minutes or less, and the first one will be recorded February 11, 2021
- First panel includes 3 Barnwell teachers of the year, all of which are current classroom teachers (Tara Roper, Jamie Silverboard and Allison Townsend)
- Erin King will host podcasts
- Parents did not provide many questions for the first podcast
- Podcast questions should prompt conversations around classroom diversity and building classroom communities
- SGC members should forward any of their questions for the first podcast to Martin Neuhaus

Flex Funds Spending for Remaining Funds

- Remaining Flex Fund balance is \$27,600.00
- Funds are designed to be spent in the year they are awarded
- Flex Fund Requests:
 - Intruder Locks for remaining 10 classroom doors (\$7,491.83)
 - Barnwell is scheduled to receive improvements, including new classroom doors, during the next SPLOST cycle in 2023-2028
 - If new locks are purchased now, old door locks may be removed with the doors
 - Council requested research on (a) the timeline for the next SPLOST funding and (b) if new locks purchased can be donated or reused
 - Playground Equipment (replace two Spinning Seats with Standing Surfers, approximately \$3,500.00)
 - Spinning seats are the number one cause of accidents on the playground
 - Teachers have requested this equipment be removed or replaced for two years
 - Council will wait another month before considering this purchase in case there are any other spending requests
 - Future request: Greg Tang Math Partnership (\$11,200.00)
 - Teachers highly recommend we continue with Greg Tang
 - This request will be reintroduced at the next SGC meeting

B. Alignment of School Budget with Strategic Outcomes

- Budget priorities are based on the pillars of the strategic plan
- Budget Priorities:
 - Student Achievement Pillar (Priority #1)
 - Provide a full-time STEM teacher
 - Provide two full-time TAG teachers
 - Reduce class size by adding a teacher to one grade level
 - People and Culture Pillar (Priority #2)
 - Increase school aesthetics
 - Increase signage
 - Partnership with PTO to landscape the front of the school
 - Community Collaboration Pillar (Priority #3)
 - Coordinate and host diversity conversations with our parent community
 - Coordinate with PTO to host parent workshops
- Budget Timeline:
 - Elementary school budgets are released on February 8, 2021
 - Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.
 - Elementary school budget approval deadline is February 26, 2021
 - SGC budget approval is scheduled for February 22, 2021

C. SGC Election 2021

- Elected positions ending June 21, 2021:
 - Two elected parent positions
 - One elected teacher position
- Appointed positions ending June 21, 2021:
 - One appointed community member
 - One appointed employee
- Candidate declaration window is February 3-26, 2021
- Voting will be held March 17-24, 2021

IV. Agenda Items for Next Meeting (February 22, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.)

- Budget Update
- Flex Funds Spending Requests
- SGC Election 2021
- Diversity Conversations

V. Adjourn Meeting

A motion was made by Donald Albright to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Breana Rounds. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.